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PROFESSOR CHARLES HAUPERT.

That life is the most useful and desirable that results in the greatest good to the greatest number, and, though all do not reach the heights to which they aspire, yet in some measure each can win success and make life a blessing to his fellow men. It is not necessary for one to occupy eminent public positions to do so, for in the humbler walks of life there remains much good to be accomplished and many opportunities for the exercise of talents, and influence, that in some way will touch the lives of those with whom we come in contact, making them better and brighter. In the list of Wayne county's successful citizens, the late Prof. Charles Hauptert long occupied a prominent place. In his record there is much that is commendable, and his career forcibly illustrates what a life of energy can accomplish when plans are wisely laid and actions are governed by right principles, noble aims and high ideals. In his public career, as well as in his private life, no word of suspicion was ever breathed against him. His actions were the result of careful and conscientious thought, and when once convinced that he was right, no suggestion of policy or personal profit could swerve him from the course he had decided on. His career was complete and rounded in its beautiful simplicity; he did his full duty in all the relations of life, and he died beloved of those near to him, and respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens. In offering the following resume of his life history it is believed that it will serve as an incentive to the youth whose careers are yet matters for the future to determine.

Charles Hauptert was born February 1, 1858, at Frye's Valley, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, the son of Frederick and Philimena Hauptert, plain, honest and highly honored people of German ancestry. They were deeply interested in the welfare of their son, Charles, who from an early age gave every evidence of having a remarkable intellect, and this precociousness, coupled with ambition and rightly directed industry, soon resulted in the accomplishment of worthy ends. When only fifteen years of age he began teaching school

for the purpose of securing money to pay his way through college. When eighteen years of age his father died, and, being the oldest son in a large family of children, he was thus called upon early in life to assume the cares of a household. Here began that devotion to mother, brothers, sister and home which he carried with him into the home of his married life, and which was one of the most impressive and beautiful traits of his character, for nothing was ever too difficult of performance, if he believed it would add anything to the joy and comfort of those nearest and dearest to him. In his home the Bible was read daily and the prayer of faith went up from the family altar to the Heavenly Father for His blessings and guidance. He never abandoned teaching, it being a passion with him. He loved children, delighted in observing their growth, in mental, spiritual and physical life. He worked his way through Heidelberg College, at Tiffin, Ohio, graduating when twenty-two years of age, in 1880, having finished a full four-years course, receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. His record there for both scholarship and deportment was such as to win the admiration of his instructors and fellow students. He found himself free from all debt at that time, although he had depended entirely upon his own resources; thus he was a fine type of our best American citizen—the independent self-made man. Later on in Wooster University he earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and this persistent work on his own part made him intensely sympathetic with pupils and students in their efforts to secure an education. On leaving college he prepared to resume his old profession of teaching, not only as a teacher but also as a superintendent. His great force of character and ripe scholarship, together with his innate ability as an organizer, enabled him to bring to his work the results of his careful preparation with marked effect, and it was not long until the schools under his supervision advanced to the high standing of efficiency for which they are now noted. He began his career as superintendent of the schools in Port Washington, where he remained for a period of two years. From that place he was elected to the superintendency of the Denison schools, where he was for a period of seven years. During the following four years he was superintendent of the New Philadelphia schools, and while there two new schools were established. From there he went to Wooster, where he was superintendent of public schools for a period of fourteen successive years, and while there two new schools were also added. In the fall of 1907 he went to Wapakoneta, Ohio, where he remained until his death, which occurred on January 27, 1909. So devoted was he to his work that it is believed he shortened his life by remaining at home during the summer of 1908 to assist some of his pupils at Wapakoneta. When declining

health admonished him that he should go away for a vacation and all united in their attempt to prevail on him to take the rest needed, he still remained where he thought his duty lay.

While in Wooster, in addition to his work as superintendent of schools, for several years he taught the history of education to a large class of students in the University of Wooster. In this subject he excelled both as a student and teacher, and it is the simple truth to state that to him, more than to any other man in Ohio, is due the interest in that subject which dates from the time of his service as a member of the state board of school examiners in the years from 1894 to 1899. In the work of the Ohio Teachers' and Pupils' Reading Circles, Doctor Hauptert was also a leader. His knowledge and judgment of books was accurate and it will always be a pleasure to his friends to recall the enthusiasm that took hold of his very being when, in the classroom of the teachers' institute, he was permitted to discuss whatever issue was paramount. He became widely and favorably known as an institute worker and lecturer on educational subjects. He was an easy and pleasing speaker and at times truly eloquent, his familiarity with the subject under consideration, with his full command of strong, vigorous English, making him popular with his audiences and to no small degree a master of public assemblages. His classes he entertained and instructed at the same time. His style was direct and forceful, entirely free from redundancy, his perception keen and his analysis acute. His work in every department of education was characteristically practical, and in teaching, in superintending, and in devising or modifying the courses of study, he possessed to a remarkable degree the sense of proportion and fitness. Continuous application through a long period of years gave him a clear and comprehensive insight into the philosophy of education and the largest wisdom as to method and means of attainment of ends, while his steady growth in public favor wherever he labored, and his popularity with teachers and pupils won for him an educational standing second to none in the state and that was even national in its scope. He possessed the personal charm and tact which made him popular with the young, and it was nothing unusual to see him on the street surrounded by a group of urchins, some of them clinging to his arms and listening intently to what he might be saying. By entering into their spirit and pastimes, sympathizing with them in their troubles, listening to and settling their disputes and making their interests his own, he became the idol almost of the juveniles of the community where he labored, his being one with them rendering the teacher's work easy and adding greatly to his own popularity, not only with the children but also with the adult portion of the populace.

Doctor Hauptert was a frequent contributor to literary journals, his style being pleasing and what he had to say convincing, so that his writings were widely read and extensively commented on.

Professor Hauptert had observed a tendency of the pupils to drop out of school on reaching the lower high school classes, and, working with the board of education, he determined to make the high school course so attractive to the physical, mental and pecuniary inclinations of the students that greater numbers would remain for graduation. To that end the commercial department and practical courses in physics and chemistry were organized in the schools of Wapakoneta. The results of his efforts were apparent in the size of the graduating class of the last year of his life, the number being double that of any previous year.

As already intimated, Professor Hauptert's career as an educator gained for him a state-wide reputation, and when Governor Pattison was elected, Professor Hauptert was a candidate for state school commissioner and was second highest man on the Democratic ticket. Although a busy man at all times he took an interest in politics and was well versed on all questions on which men and parties divide. At the time of his death he was a member of the board of examiners of Auglaize county.

The chapter in the domestic life of Doctor Hauptert dates from August 24, 1880, when he was united in marriage with Anna C. Kinsey, a lady of talent and culture, the representative of a fine old family of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where she was born, reared and educated. She, together with three children, two daughters, Mary and Gertrude, and one son, Paul, survive. One son, Harry, preceded the father to the silent land. The Doctor is also survived by five brothers: Frederick J. and Edmund Hauptert, of Tuscarawas county; Rev. Albert Hauptert, a Moravian minister, of Green Bay, Wisconsin; Rev. Sylvanus Hauptert, a Presbyterian minister, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and John Hauptert, of Dade City, Florida. One sister died a number of years ago.

Professor Hauptert was a Mason, belonging to the Wooster Knights Templar, having taken the degrees in the various bodies up to that of the commandery. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Wooster. He was a Christian from his youth and he believed in carrying into his everyday life the sublime principles inculcated by the lowly Nazarene, in whose footprints he delighted to tread as an humble servant. He and his family belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was superintendent of the Sunday school at Wapakoneta when death claimed him, and he took delight in the various phases of church and Sunday school

work. He was a man of exemplary habits, not so much as the shadow of wrong or the suspicion of evil ever dimming the luster of his brilliant career. He was everywhere regarded as a wide-awake, enterprising man of the times, fully alive to the dignities and responsibilities of citizenship, and, to the extent of his ability, contributed to the general prosperity of the community honored by his citizenship. Courteous, affable and easily approached, he commanded the undivided respect of all with whom he came in contact, and his friends were bounded only by the limits of his acquaintance, being universally esteemed in all the relations of life, and his career was eminently creditable to himself and an honor to the community and state.

Professor Hauptert is a yet living and present spirit! Of that great and comprehensive truth that "in Him we live and move and have our being," his consciousness was continually cognizant. His spirit was great in omnipresence, in its recognition, in its search after spiritual light. He was industrious, concentrated, tireless in penetration and discovery for that truth, that is God. His faith was faultless, in the observation of one who knew him, that an absorbing persistency of mental purpose must evoke a spiritual brilliancy. He had the faculty of light; his mental and moral achievements were radiant; he was harmonious, and breathed cleanliness in manner, in expression, in the thought, in the secret of his comprehension, in the power of his silence; in the benevolent purity of his personality; there was an unsung music in his eyes. He was a thoughtful spirit. He was a genius! A genius may invent machines; it is not a study into the distances of thought; it is an electric existence in the domain of final truth; it does not travel in syllogisms, it is a flash of the spirit. Genius is instantaneous light. Professor Hauptert in his earliest adult and commanding intelligence had this endowment. Full of light, his personality illuminated his schools, his lectures, his work for order and harmony; the deep positive tones of his instruction, the elucidation of complex science, the hypnotic power of impression, were, of this genius, the attributes. Neither weighed nor considered, his profession found him; his duties as a teacher and scientist seemed like the nebulae that are moving in irresistible current to be consumed in the sun! As a pure and religious man, his genius lived in adoration of the divine. He resided in religion, he lived in the temple of the Most High! Optimistic, enthusiastic, devoted, he was the spiritual expression of the organic adhesion and thinking force of all the school phenomenon around him. Of social life, of casual meeting, of criticism of political or moral problems, as a conversationalist, he was an ornament and surpassing thinker. Always an orator on the platform, he had profound attention; in the tones, and in the language,

in the construction of sentences, in the force of his manner, in the unbounded faith of his convictions, he was eloquent; his thought and argument were not a sound, but a projectile. As a debater, his excellence had the peculiar strategy of superseding all the miscellaneous obstacles that might possibly afford contention. He was unequaled in his knowledge of literature and especially of history. In the Century Club, of which he was an honored member during all his life in Wooster, he was distinguished for the depth of his reasoning and the advanced thought of his profession. Formed of the professors of the University of Wooster and of the State Agricultural Experiment Station, of the leading physicians, ministers, lawyers, bankers, and other intellectual men of Wooster, the Century Club was capable of the highest criticism, and Professor Hauptert ranked as particularly comprehensive of the most involved and often occult presentation of the most elegant and varied subjects of discussion. He was the embodiment of energy, high and aggressive. He was wise and provident, and at an early day lived in a beautiful dwelling on College avenue in Wooster, where his wife and children now reside, grateful for the legacy he left them of being one of the purest, most useful and most intellectual men that lived in his native state.

JOSHUA H. MORGAN.

It will always be a badge of honor in this country to have known that a person's father, or even his uncle, enlisted in the service of his country when the great Rebellion broke out, to assist in saving the Union and in eradicating slavery from our soil; descendants of these gallant soldiers will boast through coming generations of the bravery and self-sacrifice of their fathers or their relatives. It is a pleasure to write of the career of J. H. Morgan, who was one of the "boys in blue," who willingly went forth to do his duty on the field of battle or in the no less dangerous fever camp, for the salvation of the country. He is a native of New York, having been born in the great Empire state in 1836, the son of Joshua and Betsie (Hull) Morgan, both natives of that state. Daniel Morgan, grandfather of J. H. Morgan, had the honor of serving as a soldier of the war of 1812, and the latter's paternal great-grandfather, also named Daniel, was a soldier in the Revolution; consequently the Morgan family of the present generation may well be proud of the military record of their ancestors.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Morgan settled in Canaan Center, Wayne county,

Ohio, in 1843, purchasing a home there. Mr. Morgan was a wagonmaker by profession, and a very skillful one, his products being eagerly sought after. He spent the remainder of his life at the above-named place. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, Emiley (deceased), Esther, Lydia, Ephraim, Emiley, Annis, Edward, Daniel, and Joshua H., of this review.

Joshua Morgan, Sr., was twice married; his first wife's name was Betsey Hall, whom he married April 8, 1819; the date of his second marriage, which was to Abigail Pratt, was October 6, 1839. He retired from active business several years before his death.

Joshua H. Morgan, of this review, first attended the district schools, then learned the carriage painter's trade at Wooster, having worked in that city from 1853 until 1856. He then attended the Canaan Academy for a few terms. But at the first call for troops to suppress the rebellion he left textbook and paint brush to do what he could toward restoring order, enlisting in Company C, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. At the end of three months he re-enlisted for three years in Company K, of the same regiment. During the first three months of his service he took part in the battle of Philippi and several skirmishes, and during his last enlistment he participated in the fight at Cumberland Gap and Vicksburg; during the siege of the latter place he was taken prisoner and held there for four weeks, at the end of which time he, with the other prisoners, were taken to Jackson, where they remained six weeks, when they were sent to New Orleans, thence to New York City. Still prisoners of war, they were then sent to St. Louis, and while passing through Wooster, Ohio, the mayor told the officer in charge that the troops would remain in Wooster under the mayor's personal care. The mayor was supported by the governor of the state, and the troops remained at home. However, they were instructed to be in readiness to depart at any time that it might be desired to exchange them. Later they were sent to New Orleans and exchanged, thence up Red river to re-enforce General Banks on his famous expedition. Their time being nearly expired, they were sent home in a short time and discharged.

Mr. Morgan then returned to Canaan Center, Wayne county, Ohio, but shortly afterwards made a visit to Wausaukee, Wisconsin, but in a few years he returned to Canaan Center, Ohio, and here he was married in 1865 to Anna Johnson. He then followed his trade at that place until 1870, at which time he moved with his wife to Kansas, in which state they remained two and one-half years, then moved to Illinois, where they lived until about 1903. In that year they returned to Wayne county, Ohio, locating in Creston, where

they have since lived, Mr. Morgan being retired from active business. He was very successful in his life work and has a comfortable home. He and his good wife are members of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Morgan being an elder in the same, having held this office since his return from the West. In politics he is a Republican.

ALEXANDER E. STEPFIELD, M. D.

The old Empire state has furnished a large number of her best citizens to Wayne county, Ohio, who have contributed very largely to the development of the same. One of the best known professional men of the county is Dr. Alexander E. Stepfield, who was born in Elmira, New York, December 5, 1857, the son of Daniel S. and Eliza O. (Henry) Stepfield. His paternal grandparents were natives of Germany and New York, respectively, the grandfather having been drowned when his son, Daniel S. Stepfield, was three years old, the accident occurring in the Delaware river. The maternal grandparents, Benjamin and Lucinda A. (Lewis) Henry, were of Irish descent, the latter being the sister of the famous Meriwether Lewis, explorer of the Northwest. They were natives of Connecticut, but lived and died in New York. Benjamin Henry was a minister in the Christian church. Three of their sons were soldiers in the Civil war, two giving their lives while in the service of their country; the third son is still living. A remarkable coincidence worthy of notice here was the fact that the Doctor's great-grandparents on his mother's side both lived to be one hundred and three years of age.

Daniel S. Stepfield was born in Orange county, New York, April 18, 1832, and his wife, Eliza Henry, was born in Schuyler county, New York, September 30, 1835. They married in the Empire state and lived in Chemung county on a farm. Daniel S. Stepfield was a stanch Whig, and later a Republican when that party was organized. He lives a quiet and retired life, giving his attention exclusively to farming. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife belonged to the Baptist church. The former is now deceased, the mother having passed to her rest in 1902. To them two sons and four daughters were born, namely: Ella, who died when five years of age; Alexander E., of this review; John W.; Mary E.; Jennie E., who died when twenty years of age; Alice B.

Alexander E. Stepfield received his education in the public schools of Elmira, New York, also the county schools at his native home. In 1878 he



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took a business course, graduating from Eastman's College at Poughkeepsie. In 1880 he completed a special course in penmanship, and in that year took up the study of medicine in Horseheads, New York, with Dr. Orlando Groom, his preceptor, where he remained for three years as a student, attending college in the meantime and graduating from the Cleveland Homeopathic College, February 28, 1883. He made a very commendable record there, and at once began the practice of medicine at Big Flats, New York, where he remained one year, being associated with Dr. T. W. Reed, then came to Ohio, January 16, 1884, locating in Doylestown, Wayne county, where he has since remained. He intended to remain here but two or three years when he came, but his practice was encouraging from the first and has steadily grown until it is now all that could be desired, patients coming to him from all over this locality.

In 1891 Doctor Stepfield founded the *Tri-County News* and edited that meritorious publication for a period of two and one-half years, when he sold out. It was independent and had a wide and profound influence in Wayne county politics for several years. It was very largely responsible for electing the Republican ticket in 1895, the paper declaring that the bond movement for the payment of an experimental station was unconstitutional, and it won out. Politically the Doctor is a Republican, and he very ably served as coroner of Wayne county from 1895 to 1897, one term. He has also served as a member of the school board for a period of four years and is now president of that body. He is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Ohio State Homeopathic Society and the Northeastern Ohio Homeopathic Society, of which he is vice-president. Fraternally he is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 284, Free and Accepted Masons, in New York; he also belongs to the Maccabees and Knights and Ladies of Security.

Doctor Stepfield was married on May 5, 1888, to Mrs. Metta W. Manter nee Lyon, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lyon, old settlers from New York, and this union has resulted in the birth of five children, namely: Roscoe A., who graduated at Eastman's Business College in the class of 1909, and is now a student in the Cleveland College of Medicine; Eugene W., a student of the Doylestown high school; Ruth, also attending the high school at Doylestown; Stanley L., who died on February 4, 1909, and Esther W.

Doctor Stepfield's time is pretty much taken with his extensive practice, but he has other interests, among which is a large stock in the telephone exchange at Doylestown, practically owning the same. He is also the owner of several very valuable farms, aggregating about two hundred and fifty acres.

all in Chippewa township. He is a large tobacco grower, averaging about twelve to fifteen acres per year. He has also started a ginseng garden and will soon have five acres, now having about three hundred thousand plants. The Doctor is having constructed a beautiful private vault in the cemetery, it being the first structure of this character here. He has prospered by reason of his excellent management, and his honorable dealing with his fellow men has won their undivided confidence and esteem.

DANIEL W. McILVAINE.

No family in Wayne county is better known than the McIlvaines, and certainly none have played their roles better in the drama of civilization in the northern part of the Buckeye state from the early pioneer days down to the present day. We first hear of John McIlvaine, grandfather of Daniel W., of this review, who was born November 7, 1788, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and who reached a remarkable age, dying April 5, 1880. Little is known of his antecedents except that his father was George McIlvaine, an early Pennsylvania farmer. In 1818 John McIlvaine brought his wife and two small children horseback across the mountains, over rough and indistinct roads, from Washington county, Pennsylvania, fording the Ohio river, each parent carrying a child, then making their way through dense and almost interminable forests, finally reaching Wayne county, Ohio. They settled on a quarter section which now forms a part of Jackson township, and is owned by three of his grandsons, who reside there. After clearing away a small spot, this old pioneer built a log cabin. The spot is now marked by a mammoth elm tree which John McIlvaine set out nearly one hundred years ago. His first wife was Margaret Smith, who bore him nine children. His second wife was Annis Martin, and by his second wife one child was born. When John McIlvaine came to Wayne county, the city of Wooster had not been thought of, much less founded, and the place where he settled was a vast wilderness infested by numerous kinds of wild animals, and the Indian was to be found now and then. With the assistance of Selvina and Jason Jones, John McIlvaine laid out the city of Jackson. The latter, being a stanch Democrat and an ardent admirer of Andrew Jackson, insisted on giving the village and postoffice that name. On account of another postoffice in the state bearing the name Jackson, it was not possible to give the name desired to this village; however, the old pioneer did the next best thing and

had the postoffice here named Old Hickory, Andrew Jackson's soubriquet, through which office the residents of this vicinity received mail until the coming of the rural free delivery. Mr. McIlvaine was a very influential man in this county and, being a Presbyterian, he donated land for a church and the cemetery at Jackson. The church which now stands there is one of the most substantial and attractive in the county and the cemetery is exceptionally well kept. Here the remains of John McIlvaine lie buried, although he died at Canal Fulton. All the children of this old settler, with the exception of Jackson, Smith and George, migrated to the West, the three mentioned remaining in Wayne county. Jackson was a farmer, later in life managing a hotel at Alliance, where he died. Smith was also a farmer and his death occurred at Creston. George devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits on the old homestead. John McIlvaine built his second log house on the pike road near where his grandson, Daniel W., of this review, now lives; later the old pioneer built the frame house where Daniel W. now lives.

George McIlvaine, son of John, bought the homestead and he lived there, following farming, until his death, March 16, 1888. He was first married to Lucinda Akin, December 1, 1842, and his second marriage was to Sarah Baker, November 11, 1863. By his first marriage the following children were born: John J., Margaret J., Hannah E., George A., Daniel W., Mary A., James B. and Sarah C. By his second marriage the following children were born: David E. and Arthur F. Lucinda Akin was the daughter of George and Hannah (Davis) Akin, of Scotch-Irish descent. They settled near Doylestown, Wayne county, Ohio, in an early day. Sarah Baker was the daughter of David and Melinda (Cockrell) Baker, of Harper's Ferry, Virginia. In pioneer days they came to Medina county and settled near Seville. A few years later they came to Canaan township, Wayne county.

The following members of the McIlvaine family served in the Civil war: John, son of George, fought in an Ohio regiment; two brothers-in-law of George, Alex Weideman and George Walkenberger, served three years; Marcus, son of Smith McIlvaine, also served in the Union army.

All members of this family as far back as can be traced have been loyal Democrats and members of the Presbyterian church; four generations have now belonged to the church, for the erection of the first building of which John McIlvaine, the first member of the family to come here, gave the land. George McIlvaine, the eldest son of John, was a believer in education, and he sacrificed considerable in order to educate his children, most of them having been educated at the Canaan Academy, five of them becoming school teachers and influential in their professions.

Daniel W. McIlvaine, whose name heads this review, is the fifth child of George and Lucinda (Akin) McIlvaine, his birth occurring on April 6, 1853, in the village of Jackson. He now resides on the place where his father came to live when the former was yet a boy—the old McIlvaine homestead. Daniel W. was educated at Jackson and the Canaan Academy. He farmed on the home place until his marriage when he entered the retail meat business in Creston, this county, which he followed successfully for seven years. He then dealt in livestock and commercial fertilizers, building up an extensive business in each. Later he became a traveling salesman for Morris & Company of Chicago, handling wholesale meats. However, he resided the major part of the time on a part of the old farm. In 1906 he retired from the road, and since that time he has followed farming. He was married in 1876 to Hattie Houghton, daughter of Franklin Houghton, of Sterling, this county, whose father was a very early settler north of Creston. Franklin Houghton is a lawyer of considerable note, having practiced law many years in Ashland county, Ohio. He also engaged in merchandising in that place.

To Daniel W. McIlvaine and wife the following children have been born: Cloyd A., born February 22, 1877, was educated at the Creston high school and the Ada Normal, also attended the University of Wooster. He taught school several terms, having finished his first term before he was sixteen years of age. He later went to Cleveland and attended business college, after which he went to New York City where he was employed two years as a stenographer. In 1904 he accepted a position as stenographer for the chief engineer of the Panama Canal, and in time became chief clerk for the entire enterprise, and is now assistant to the chairman of the commission in charge of the construction of the canal. He was married in 1902 to Louise Brigman. He is a young man of unusual business ability. La Verne, the first daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. McIlvaine, was born December 12, 1879, educated at Creston, this county, passing through the high school there. She married Edgar Ewing and they are the parents of three children, Sumner, Edgar Clair and Cloyd E. Bruce R., born January 23, 1881, was educated at the Creston high school, married Alice Wells, and they are the parents of two children, Clarence and Lew. Bruce has always been employed in railroad and express work. Mary was born May 1, 1887, educated at the Creston high school, married Jesse Broomall, and they have two children, Noris Mack and Dorothy LaVerne.

Franklin Houghton, father of Mrs. McIlvaine, was born in Cortland county, New York, in 1826, the son of Ambrus and Lucy (Powell) Hough-

ton. About 1830 they came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled just north of Creston, in the edge of Wayne county, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres which was mostly timber; they cleared this land and there made their future home.

Daniel W. McIlvaine, as might be expected, is a Prebyterian and a Democrat, and he takes considerable interest in whatever tends to promote the welfare of his county.

ELI METSKER.

Back to the days of the first settler—that interesting, thrilling, comedy-tragedy time in the history of our civilization—the biographer traces the Metsker family and finds that its members have been well and favorably known in Wayne county, Ohio, for several generations, identified principally with the agricultural interests, and of the number who have figured prominently in their respective localities Eli Metsker is one of the best remembered. Quoting from Whittier, “He has gone on the journey we all must go,” but his influence still affects the lives of those who knew him best, for he was a man of exemplary character as well as successful in his line of work beyond his contemporaries. His birth occurred in Milton township, March 10, 1845. He was the son of James and Elizabeth Metsker.

Conrad Metsker, who enjoyed the distinction of serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary war for five years, came to Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, in a very early day, when this locality was a wilderness, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land. He had a son, James, who was twice married, Enoch being a son of his second marriage. The latter became a successful farmer in Canaan township. Eli was the father of Vernon Metsker, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. James Metsker died in 1895, and Enoch is also deceased.

Eli Metsker grew to maturity on the home farm, which he assisted in developing when he reached the proper age. He attended the neighboring schools and received a fairly good education. In starting life for himself he first began farming on the homestead with his father. Later he and his brothers operated very successfully a threshing machine for ten or fifteen years, becoming known throughout this locality as leading threshers, and they always had all the work they could do during a season. Later in life Eli Metsker, taking the capital he had earned with his thresher, purchased a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in the southeast part of Canaan

township, where his family now resides. He improved the place and had an excellent income from it from year to year owing to his excellent management. He followed general farming and stock raising until his death, June 20, 1908, leaving his family well provided for.

Eli Metsker was married in 1887 to Louise Graber, who was born in Germany. She was the daughter of Christian and Anna (Roraback) Graber, both born in Germany; they lived on a farm and were always regarded as honest, industrious people. Christian Graber, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Metsker, was a soldier in one of the great nineteenth century wars of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Eli Metsker the following children were born: Vernon R., Carl F., J. R., Florence May and Floyd William McKinley.

Eli Metsker was a member of the United Brethren church, which also holds the membership of his family. In politics he was a Republican. He was regarded by all who knew him as an honorable and industrious man, always striving to be fair in his dealings, and he took an interest in the welfare of his neighbors, so that he was well liked by all classes.

JACOB GEARHART.

It is but in justice due that in this volume should be accorded a tribute to the memory of one who was identified with the civic and industrial life of Wayne county in so prominent a way as was Mr. Gearhart, whose abilities and unswerving integrity in all the relations of life gained for him unlimited esteem from all with whom he came in contact. Superadded to this, the memoir is the more consistent from the fact that he was a native son of the county and here passed his entire life, attaining marked success and becoming one of the representative and influential men of this section of the state.

Jacob Gearhart was born one mile west of the Wayne church, in Wayne county, Ohio, on the 30th of May, 1832, and is a son of William and Mary (Dirck) Gearhart. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, having been born near Harrisburg. Mrs. Gearhart was born in a different section of the Keystone state, and they did not meet until after they had become residents of Ohio, to which state they had accompanied their respective parents. After his marriage William Gearhart took up the pursuit of farming, in which he was fairly successful. He was a leading and influential member of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which he took an active part. In politics he was a Democrat and active in support of the party, but was not an office

seeker. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom three grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch having been the last survivor.

The subject of this sketch received a good education in the common schools and early formed habits of reading, which clung to him throughout his life. He was a careful and discriminating reader of the best literature and also kept closely in touch with the leading events of the day, being considered a remarkably well-informed man. Upon attaining mature years he took up the vocation of farming, making his first home just east of Burbank, where he remained about four years. He then bought one hundred and sixty acres of land one-half mile south of Burbank, and to this land he gave his undivided attention, bringing it up to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Gearhart made many permanent and substantial improvements, including the erection of new buildings, which are commodious and well arranged. Subsequently Mr. Gearhart added to his original farm, becoming the owner of two hundred and ninety-two acres of splendid land in Canaan township, besides a farm of one hundred acres in Congress township. The soil is of great fertility and Mr. Gearhart was enabled to realize abundant returns from his land. In addition to the tilling of the soil, he also gave considerable attention to the breeding and raising of livestock, giving his especial attention to Durham stock. He was successful in all his undertakings, possessing a genius for doing the right thing at the right time, and was considered by his fellow citizens as an enterprising and progressive farmer.

In politics he held to the Republican faith and took a live interest in the success of his party, though he never accepted any public office. He was, however, frequently called upon to perform jury service. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mrs. Gearhart now belongs.

On March 1, 1859, Mr. Gearhart married Mary E. Elcock, the marriage being celebrated in York county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Gearhart was a native of York and is a daughter of David and Rebecca (Fraizer) Elcock. Her family and prior generations had been native to Pennsylvania as far back as there is any record. Her father was in early life a school teacher, but subsequently became a successful farmer, his father having taken up one thousand acres of government land at a very early date. He was a Republican. To this worthy couple two children were born, Richard Franklin and Mrs. Gearhart. Mrs. Mary Gearhart received a good education in the common schools of her native state, and supplemented this by attendance at the York Ladies' Seminary, in which, however, she remained only two years, her at-

tendance being cut short because of her mother's illness. To Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart were born three children, William Franklin, of Wayne township, this county; David Ellsworth, at home, and Eleanor Myrtle, the wife of William J. Schulenberger, of Lodi. Mr. Gearhart's death occurred on the 10th day of April, 1909, and in his passing away the community realized that it had sustained a distinct loss. He was a man of exceptional ability and fine personal qualities and was well liked by all who knew him. He always took a public-spirited interest in every movement calculated to benefit the community and was a recognized factor in the upbuilding and development of the community. Mrs. Gearhart is a lady of refinement and culture and lives in the comfortable and attractive home on the estate. She possesses an abundance of those womanly graces which make friends of all who come in contact with her, and she and her husband are well entitled to specific mention in a work of this character.

GEORGE W. PLASTERER.

A prominent citizen of Plain township, Wayne county, is George W. Plasterer, who was born April 3, 1865, on the place where he now lives and which he owns. He is the son of Conrad F. and Anna (Wisler) Plasterer, both born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The former was a single man when he came here in 1852. He finally settled on a place of one hundred and fifty-one acres, the farm now consisting of one hundred and forty-five acres, which George W. has managed in a most successful manner. Conrad Plasterer lived here until his death, May 18, 1906, his wife having preceded him to the silent land on August 8, 1877. They were the parents of ten children, four sons having died young, six children living to maturity, namely: Henry H., Mrs. Susan Troxel (deceased), George W. of this review, Mrs. Elizabeth Rouch, Matilda, Mrs. G. R. Felger and John J. The parental grandparents of the subject were George and Mary Plasterer, who were born, lived and died in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the former a shoemaker by trade, and whose father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The latter's father was a native of Germany, while his mother was born in France. The maternal grandparents of the subject were Michael and Elizabeth Wisler, both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they spent their lives on a farm.

George W. Plasterer spent his early youth on the home farm, which he



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helped to improve when he became of proper age, and he received his education in the Reedsburg public schools, which he attended until he was twenty years of age, receiving a very good education. Upon the death of his father he purchased the home place in 1906 and he moved thereto the following spring, since which time he has been carrying on general farming and stock raising in a very successful manner.

Mr. Plasterer was married on October 20, 1887, to Mettie M. Houck, daughter of a very highly respected family of this county. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Zella T., now Mrs. Russell Soliday (they are the parents of one child, Mildred); Grace T., Ruby V. and Wayne H., all living at home.

Mr. Plasterer and his two oldest daughters are members of the Lutheran church, while Mrs. Plasterer belongs to the Reformed church. Mr. Plasterer is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Wooster, and in politics he is a Democrat, having long taken considerable interest in local affairs. In 1894, he was elected justice of the peace of Plain township and so faithfully did he discharge the duties of the same that he was re-elected in 1897. He was twice on the board of education, first in 1893 and again in 1895. He was elected county commissioner in the fall of 1908, having served five months by appointment before the time of election. The father of the subject also took some interest in political matters, and he served six years as infirmity director, and also served three years as a member of the county board of elections.

CLEMENT L. AULT.

When Henry Ault, his son Valentine and the latter's wife came to Wayne county, Ohio, in about 1830, from their ancestral home in Pennsylvania, and located in Baughman township, they found practically a wilderness, through which roamed deer, wolves, wild turkey and many kinds of wild animals, and here and there a red man was encountered who had been reluctant to leave the haunts of his forefathers. The Aults, being hardy pioneers, adventurous and hard workers, instead of being appalled at the enormity of their task in establishing a home in the midst of the wilderness, were delighted with such environments and took up three hundred acres of land, which, to a great extent, they cleared and improved the land, dividing it into farms which soon yielded abundant harvests. There Henry Ault lived until his death,

rearing a family of seven or eight children. Valentine Ault, grandfather of C. L. Ault, of this review, spent many years in Milton township, where he followed general farming. In his family were eight children, all of whom, after receiving what education they could in the primitive schools, taught in the old-fashioned log houses of those days, located in Wayne county. Valentine Ault and his wife, Katherine Ault, were both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Henry Ault, father of Katherine Ault and grandfather of the subject, was also a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The maternal grandparents of C. L. Ault were Jacob and Hannah Fry, both natives of Germany. They came to America about 1854 and settled in Orrville, Wayne county, Ohio, where Jacob Fry followed cabinetmaking until his death.

William H. Ault, son of Valentine Ault and father of C. L. Ault, was born in the old family homestead in Milton township, this county, received his education in the early schools and devoted his entire life to farming on the home place; he was very successful as a farmer. He married Caroline Fry and they became the parents of two children, C. L., of this review, and Jessie, who died when seventeen years of age.

C. L. Ault was born on the home farm in Milton township, March 25, 1873, and he received his early education at Sterling, this county. He devoted his attention to farming on the home place when he became old enough to start in life for himself, continuing successfully in his general farming operations until 1903, in which year he bought the place, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, where he now lives, a short distance south of Creston. He has a highly productive and well-improved farm on which he carries on dairying and general farming in a manner that brings him an annual income that is substantial and gratifying. He has a modern dairy and all necessary equipment, and he finds a ready market for his products, which are always first class. He has a very comfortable residence and good outbuildings.

Mr. Ault was married in 1896 to Harriett Stucky, daughter of John and Sarah (Steele) Stucky, of Greene township, well known people of this locality. To Mr. and Mrs. Ault one child, Katherine, has been born.

The early members of the Ault family were Lutherans, but C. L. and his family are members of the Presbyterian church. In his political relations Mr. Ault is a Democrat, but he has never sought office or taken a very great interest in political affairs; however, some of his ancestors were prominent in politics. John Ault, whose father was a brother of C. L. Ault's grandfather, was a state senator.

M. M. MILLER.

An analyzation of the life work of M. M. Miller shows that he has been dependent upon no inheritance or influential friends for what he has acquired, but has through his own continued effort and capable management, gained a desirable property whereby he is classed among the self-made and influential men of Canaan township, Wayne county. His birth occurred in Wayne township, near Guyer Chapel, April 6, 1842, the son of Michael and Margaret (Miller) Miller, both natives of Gerhartbruna, Rhinish Germany. They came to America about 1815 and located in Pennsylvania, where they remained for a short time. Later they came to Columbus, Ohio, then in a short time settled in Wayne county, this state. At that time there were but three houses in Wooster (about 1820). They first bought one hundred and sixty acres of land north of where Smithville now stands. After clearing five acres of the same, they sold it and bought ninety acres near Guyer's Chapel. In those days the early settlers went to mill on horseback, the residents of this locality being compelled to go as far as where Alliance now stands. Game was plentiful, and it is related that twelve deer were seen on going from Michael Miller's place to Smithville. Adolph Miller, the maternal grandfather of M. M. Miller, came to this county with Michael Miller and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land near Smithville and he remained there until his death, that farm having been retained in the family until 1907. Part of it is now owned by a Mr. Yoder. Michael cleared the farm he purchased near Guyer's Chapel and lived there the balance of his days.

M. M. Miller, of this review, remained on the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he began learning the trade of stone-mason with Adam Kieffer and Peter Presler, and he followed that vocation until 1865. He saved his money and at the close of the Civil war he began to make investments in land.

Mr. Miller was married February 18, 1865, to Catherine, daughter of Samuel Sommers. Her father was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, the son of Abraham and Mary Magdalene Sommers, who came from that locality in the early thirties and settled in Wayne township, Wayne county, Ohio, taking up a quarter section of land which they cleared, living there until 1865, when Mr. Sommers moved to Fayette county, Illinois, where his death occurred.

Augustus B. Miller, brother of M. M. Miller, enlisted in the Union army at Wooster when the last call for troops was made.

M. M. Miller is a self-made man, as already intimated, having made

every dollar he has owned by hard work, quarrying stone, building culverts, erecting arches, constructing bridges, felling trees and plowing "new ground." He has been successful and today is very comfortably situated, having a nice home and a competency.

At the June primaries in 1893 he became the choice of the Democratic party for a member of the board of county commissioners, and he was elected by a triumphant majority. He made a very faithful official, and was re-elected to the same office in 1896, having then been made president of the board, very ably fulfilling the duties of this important place. The fact that his majority in 1896 was eight hundred would indicate that his standing among his constituents was of the best, and that he was popular with his party and voters from other parties as well.

Mr. Miller accumulated in all one hundred acres of land, purchasing sixty acres in 1865, and an adjoining forty in 1881. He lived on his fine farm, bringing it up to a high state of improvement and prospering by his general crops and stock raising, until 1897, when he retired from active life, moving to Creston, where he has a beautiful and modern residence and a small lot. He retired from his office in September, 1900. He has served as a member of the city council in Creston. He and his estimable wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Their children are: Emmit U., Zeno S.; Franklin died when one year old; Ella Irene. This family stands in the front rank of Wayne county's best citizenship. Mr. Miller is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Seville Lodge No. 268.

HARVEY B. DOHNER.

One of the successful and public-spirited farmers of Chippewa township, Wayne county, and a man deserving the esteem in which he is held by his neighbors owing to his life of industry and honesty is Harvey B. Dohner. He was born on the farm which he now owns, located southwest of Doylestown, his birth occurring June 21, 1858. He is the son of Jacob and Rebecca (Lee) Dohner, the former a native of Pennsylvania, having been born there in 1828, and the latter first saw the light of day in Wayne county, Ohio, on July 5, 1832. Harvey B.'s paternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Zigler) Dohner, both natives of Pennsylvania, who, in 1834, came to Wayne county, Ohio, with their children and settled on a two-hundred-acre farm where the subject of this sketch now lives. There Jacob Dohner, Sr., with his



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sons, erected a saw-mill, cleared the place and followed milling and farming, becoming quite well-to-do for those early days and he lived here until his death.

The maternal grandparents of Harvey B. Dohner were John and ——— (Lance) Lee, who were natives of eastern Ohio and were pioneers in Chipewewa township, Wayne county, where they followed farming and were influential in their community. This Lee family is related to the famous Southern general, Robert E. Lee.

Jacob Dohner, Jr., father of Harvey-B., was educated in the home schools and he assisted his father on the farm in the mill, remaining on the homestead his entire life, making a success of general farming. He reached a good old age, dying in 1909. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, namely: William Henry, Sarah Alverna, Ellen Jane, Harvey Byron, Charles Jacob, Amanda Cornelia (died when two years of age), Ada Alice, Mary Elizabeth and Clara Emma.

Harvey B. Dohner was educated in the home schools and he has always resided on the old homestead, whereon he began working when but a mere boy. He now farms the entire place of two hundred acres. He has so skillfully managed the place that the soil has retained its original fertility and yields abundant harvests under his direction. His place is highly improved and on it stand an excellent dwelling and all the outbuildings that his needs require. He keeps some good stock of various kinds, being a good judge of most kinds of livestock, especially horses and cattle.

Politically Mr. Dohner is a Democrat, but he does not find time to take a great deal of interest in political matters. His father was also a Democrat, and he and his wife were members of the Christian church, of which Harvey B. and wife and their children, with the exception of one, are members. The Dohners have been very favorably spoken of in every respect since the coming of the first members of the family here in the early days and the present generation is faithfully maintaining the high standard of integrity set by the first bearers of this name here.

AUGUSTUS S. TUTTLE.

The family of this name is descended from early Ohio pioneers and its representatives have long been settled in various parts of the state. We first hear of Joel Tuttle, who came in from New York when the first tide of immigration was heaviest and took up his abode in the county of Holmes. He studied medicine and gained local note as a pioneer physician, his whole

life being spent and ended in the county of his adoption. In young manhood he married Cynthia, daughter of Michael and Rebecca Crow, who came from their native state of Maryland when Ohio was still in the embrace of its primeval wilderness. The former was a minister of the gospel for many years and figured extensively in the rough work of the pioneer church, when meeting houses were far apart and campmeetings the main agencies for gathering the people together to hear the gospel. Joel and Cynthia (Crow) Tuttle had four sons, of whom the only near surviving descendant is Dr. D. G. Tuttle. The latter was born at Berlin, Holmes county, Ohio, May 11, 1838, his parents being Harvey and Mary (Crow) Tuttle. He grew up in Holmes county and was educated in the schools of Nashville, later attending medical lectures in Philadelphia and Cleveland, with a view to qualifying himself as a physician. He entered into practice at Glenmont, Holmes county, but after two years at that point removed to Tuscarawas county, which was the scene of his work for the next five years. In 1876 Doctor Tuttle located at Jackson, Wayne county, where he remained until his retirement in 1900, after thirty-two years of continuous professional labors.

In 1861 Doctor Tuttle married Sarah J., daughter of Llewellyn and Eliza Allison, old settlers of Holmes county. The wife died in 1870, after becoming the mother of four children, and in 1871 Doctor Tuttle was married at Changeville to Amanda, daughter of Ephraim and Mary Hattery, old settlers of Tuscarawas county, by which union there were six children, Augustus S. Tuttle, son by the first marriage above mentioned, was born at Nashville, Holmes county, Ohio, December 12, 1866. He completed his education in the Creston high school, and when nineteen years old began learning the hardware and tinning trade. After devoting some time to his apprenticeship, he clerked for a local firm until 1901, when he entered the hardware, tinning and slating business in partnership with the Miller Brothers, which connection lasted until 1908, when Mr. Sellers took the interests of the Millers; even at that time, however, Mr. Tuttle had complete charge of the business. The firm has for years done an extensive line of work in hardware and roofing, and has a high reputation for skill in carrying out their contracts and enjoys high standing in financial circles. Mr. Tuttle's popularity is shown by the fact that, though a Democrat, he has served seven terms as clerk of the Republican township of Canaan. He is a member of Creston Lodge, No. 893, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Wooster Encampment, and has passed all the chairs. In 1890 Mr. Tuttle was married to Anna, daughter of William and Mary Sellers, old settlers of Dalton, Ohio. They have four children, Hazel, a graduate of the Creston high school, Daisy, Merle and Kathryn.

DAVID I. SLEMMONS.

Thomas Slemmons, founder of the family of this name in Wayne county, was a native of Scotland who emigrated to America before the Revolutionary war, in which he took a part. He settled in Pennsylvania, lived all his life in that state and finally ended his days there. His son Samuel was born in 1790, and in early manhood married Ann McKee, who was born in 1793. Both were natives of Pennsylvania, and grew to maturity in that state. After marriage they removed to Wayne county, Ohio, where, in 1819, they entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Milton township. The rest of their adult lives were spent in clearing and improving this tract, their experiences in no respect differing from those of other pioneers around them, who were engaged in reclaiming the western wilderness. Samuel died in 1877, after completing the eighty-seventh year of his age. Shortly after he reached Wayne county one of his brothers, named William, came to Wooster and followed the wheelwright's trade, being one of the early settlers of that town. Still later another brother, named John, came to Wayne county and located at Jackson; a few years later he removed onto a farm, where he made his home until his death. Samuel was an elder in the Presbyterian church and during all of his life was interested in the active work of the denomination. He reared a family of ten children, equally divided between sons and daughters, of whom four survive. These are Samuel, John, David, and Martha, wife of Michael Gish. Elizabeth Whiteside, deceased sister, was prominently connected with the Presbyterian church and shortly before her death furnished the church with an entire new outfit of seats. She provided in her will an endowment of two thousand dollars for the use of the church, and altogether was much beloved by the congregation, who regarded her as a benefactress and woman of great worth of character. It is interesting to note in connection with this old and influential family of Wayne county that only one transfer was ever made of the original homestead, that being from Samuel to John Slemmons.

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David I. Slemmons, son of Samuel and Ann (McKee) Slemmons, was born in Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio, June 21, 1839. The place of his birth was the farm entered by his father in 1819. He was educated at Seville Academy, meantime assisting on the farm during vacations and learning well all the routine of the business. After his marriage, in 1877, he took control of a farm and managed it for sixteen years, but in 1893 removed to Sterling, where he was engaged in the grain and warehouse business for ten years. During the last few years he has been practically retired. His political

affiliations were always Democratic, and he has often been honored by his party with important local offices. For sixteen years he was elected and re-elected township clerk, and also served two years as township trustee. He has been an elder of the Presbyterian church for some twenty-five years and always regarded as one of the pillars of the congregation. October 23, 1877, Mr. Slemmons and Mary A., daughter of William and Rose Armstrong, were united in marriage; they have two children, Howard A., a graduate of Wooster University, and Laura B., wife of Charles Frick.

WILLIAM WALLACE GARVER.

Among the progressive agriculturists of Chester township, Wayne county, Ohio, is William W. Garver, who was born on April 12, 1853, on the farm where he now lives, the son of John and Catherine (Shoemaker) Garver, both natives of this state. The maternal grandparents of the subject were John and Catherine (Girl) Shoemaker, natives of Pennsylvania. The former died in 1855; he was a strong Dunkard. In about 1818 or 1820 he and his family came to Chester township, Wayne county, Ohio, when this section was practically a wilderness, and they entered a farm about a mile west of Lattasburg. Mr. Shoemaker cleared the place and lived here until his death. John Garver, son of David, came from Pennsylvania with his parents and located near Congress, Wayne county, and there David conducted a water and horse-power grist-mill, and also followed farming on a place which he entered from the government. He was a man of influence and a worker in the Dunkard church. He was the paternal grandfather of William W., of this review.

John Garver, father of William W., was born in Congress township and educated in the common schools. When a young man he followed farming, and after his marriage he bought one hundred and sixty acres where his son, William W., now resides. He improved the place and lived here until his death. Politically he was a Republican, and he held about all the Chester township offices; religiously the Dunkard church held his creed. His family consisted of nine sons and two daughters, namely: David W., who was a teacher when fifteen years of age and a practicing physician at nineteen, died April 6, 1907; John T. is a prominent lawyer at Sandusky; Sarah married R. Shaw, of Medina county, Ohio; Jacob died in infancy; William Wallace, of this review; Samuel C., deceased, who was a leading lawyer at Sandusky, Ohio; A. M. has practiced medicine for the past thirty years at Lorain, Ohio;



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Joseph E., a real estate dealer in Tennessee; Bert is also a leading lawyer in Sandusky county, Ohio; George died in youth; Mary married A. B. Hostetler, of West Salem, Wayne county, this state.

William W. Garver was educated in the schools at Smithville, Lodi and Savannah (Ohio) Academies. He received an excellent education and taught school in the winters and farmed during the summer months for a period of nineteen years. He became widely known throughout this locality as an educator. He has always lived on the home place with the exception of four years spent in Wooster while serving as sheriff. He has followed general farming very successfully, and is one of the leading agriculturists of the county.

Mr. Garver was married on December 25, 1873, to Rebecca J. Dych, a native of this county and the daughter of a fine old family. To this union the following children have been born: Charles V., a practicing physician at Lorain, Ohio; Arthur, a carpenter and living at home; DeForest, who died in 1903; Mary, living at home; C. B., living in Wooster; John S., who died when twenty years of age; Frank B., a teacher; Fred studied at Lorain, Ohio; True is a student at West Salem, this county; Wayne is also a student at West Salem.

William W. Garver is a loyal Republican and has long been influential in the local affairs of his party. In 1894 he was elected sheriff of Wayne county and so faithfully and well did he perform the duties of this office that he was re-elected in 1896; he has held most all of the offices in Chester township. On March 15, 1910, he was made postmaster at West Salem and took charge of the office on the 1st of May. Fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons at West Salem, the Knights of Pythias at Wooster, the Improved Order of Red Men at Wooster and the Knights of the Maccabees at Lattasburg. In all these he takes a great deal of interest, and he has become well known throughout the western part of the county through his connection with these fraternal organizations and his political life.

WILLIAM BURKHOLDER.

The emigrant ancestor of the family of this name came from Germany during the eighteenth century and located in Pennsylvania. Subsequently he migrated to Ohio, where he was engaged in farming until his death. His son Henry, who had married in his native state of Pennsylvania, accompanied the former to the west in the early forties, became identified with farming pursuits and followed that occupation until his death. He left a son named William, who married Mary, daughter of Daniel and Polly Smith, whose

biographies are given elsewhere in this volume. William was born in Pennsylvania in 1830, came to Ohio with his parents in boyhood and was reared in the family of John Kinney, who took care of him until he was able to do for himself. He engaged in the threshing business, when the custom was to go from neighborhood to neighborhood with the old-fashioned threshing outfit, and, as the saying was, threshed from Wooster to Medina. He accumulated a little money in this work and later took up farming, which he followed until a few years ago, when he accepted employment with the Wabash Railroad Company, with which he remained until his death in 1907. He was rather fond of politics and active in the local campaigns, first as a Republican and later as a Democrat. His widow and four children, two sons and two daughters, are living, the former having reached the age of eighty-two years at this writing (1909).

William Burkholder, one of the two surviving sons of William, was born in Canaan township, Wayne county, Ohio, on November 13, 1857. His education was obtained almost exclusively in the Ben school house, one of the buildings devoted to the common school purposes of Canaan township. In youth and early manhood his work was confined to the farm, but later he spent twelve years with Horr, Warner & Company, a firm engaged in business at Wellington. At the expiration of that time he returned to Jackson and bought a farm of thirty-five acres, fifteen of which, however, he disposed of later and now confines his operations to the remaining twenty acres. He owns a fine residence in Jackson, has a good income and enjoys general respect as one of the solid and reliable citizens of the community. He is extensively engaged in the poultry business, having a very fine strain of White Leghorns. He belongs to the Presbyterian church at Jackson and his political affiliations are with the Republican party. In July, 1880, Mr. Burkholder married Julia, daughter of Edward Edis, who is one of the early settlers of Wayne county and now living at Jackson, in the eighty-seventh year of his age. Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder have four sons: Clem, a conductor on the interurban railroad; Earl is also on the electric line as conductor; Ray and Roy, twins, now attending the Creston high school.

NORMAN B. DAWSON, M. D.

It was about 1810, or 1812, that Thomas and Jemima Dawson migrated to the wilds north of the Ohio river from their native state of Virginia, reached the unbroken wilderness and became the second white settlers of

Milton township. They bought a tract of wild land of three hundred and twenty acres from the government. The work of clearing and improving the place was entered upon in the true pioneer spirit, and after years of arduous labor and privation a smiling and productive farm had taken the place of the once wild woodland and roadless briarpatch. In the log cabin put up shortly after the arrival, this sturdy couple reared a large family, consisting of six sons and six daughters, and in the course of years were gathered to their fathers on the farm that had been the scene of all their labors. Eugene B. Dawson, one of their sons, who was born, like the other children, on the Milton township farm, grew to manhood after the fashion of pioneer boys, learning much of the hard work and seeing little of the frivolities of life. In the course of time he became a farmer on his own account and eventually accumulated one hundred and sixty acres of land in his native township. In 1879 he sold out and removed to Missouri, where he remained until his death, in 1903, at the age of seventy-three years. In early manhood he married Sarah Moses, of Massachusetts, whom he met while she was visiting an aunt in Wayne county. She was the daughter of Ambrose and Lydia Moses, the former a native of Scotland who settled at Westfield, Massachusetts, during the latter part of the eighteenth century. In 1849 he went with his wife to California during the gold rush and lived there until both their lives were ended by a tragedy near Sacramento, when each was over a hundred years old, which resulted fatally, terminating their long lives after they had lived together more than eighty years. Mrs. Eugene B. Dawson is still living in Missouri at an advanced age. She became the mother of six children, of whom three sons and two daughters are living.

Norman B. Dawson, one of the surviving sons, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, January 22, 1857. He was educated at Lodi Academy and Baldwin University, but at the end of his junior year in 1876 he entered the Cincinnati Medical College and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1879. Locating at Sterling, he immediately began the practice of his profession, which he has continued up to the present time. He soon became acquainted, gradually secured business, which increased with the years, and has long been recognized as one of the leading physicians of the county. Though formerly a Republican, his inclinations are towards independence in politics, preferring to vote for measures and men rather than for party. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Wooster Commandery, Knights Templar, and is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the Wayne County, Ohio State and American Medical Associations, and enjoys high rank and popularity in his profession.

On September 19, 1882, Doctor Dawson married Adeline, daughter of John and Katherine Petit, natives of France, who came to America about 1817, and settled in Milton township, Wayne county, where they reared their family and became prominent in social and business circles. Doctor and Mrs. Dawson have an only daughter, Emily, who is now the wife of Howard A. Slemmons, who is a graduate of Buchtel College and one of the progressive young men of Wayne county. Mr. Slemmons received the degree of Master of Arts from Wooster University and Mrs. Slemmons the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy from Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio.

ELMER FRANCIS WRIGHT.

A man who boldly faces the responsibilities of life and by determined and untiring energy carves out for himself an honorable success exerts a powerful influence upon the lives of all who follow him. Such has been the career of Elmer F. Wright, one of Wayne county's substantial citizens, who was born in Wadsworth, Medina county, Ohio, in 1857, the son of Ephraim and Catherine (Wideman) Wright. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Betsy Wright, natives of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who came to Medina county, Ohio, in an early day, about 1836 or 1838, locating on a farm which they developed from the wilderness and on which they spent the remainder of their lives. The maternal grandparents were natives of Canada, who came to the United States before their daughter, Catherine Wideman, was born. Ephraim Wright was born January 22, 1825, and Catherine Wideman, his wife, was born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1829. They were married in the last-named county, and there Mr. Wright followed the trade of cabinetmaker when a young man. He later took up farming and at the time of his death owned one hundred and forty-two acres and became a fairly prosperous farmer. He was an active Republican and a member of the United Brethren church, in which both he and his wife took an active part. Later in life he took up the prohibition question and voted that ticket, having been the first man in Wadsworth township, Medina county, to discard the use of whisky in the harvest field. He was justice of the peace for twelve successive years, but he tried only one case, usually settling all difficulties amicably and out of court. He became well known as a peacemaker. He preferred to remain at home during the Civil war and hired a substitute. He and his wife were the

parents of eleven children, seven of whom grew to maturity, six now living. Ephraim Wright died October 7, 1891, after a hard day's labor for William McKinley; his widow survived him until 1903.

Elmer F. Wright was educated in the common schools of Wadsworth township and worked on the home farm during the summer months. At the age of eighteen years he began learning the blacksmith's trade, which he followed very successfully twenty-seven years, when he gave up active work in that line. In October, 1881, he moved to Sterling and he has made his home here ever since. He is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and fifty-two acres in Canaan township, which he rents. It is a model farm in every respect and one of the most valuable in the township.

Politically, Mr. Wright is a Republican, but not an aspirant for office; however, he has always taken an active part in his party's affairs. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Wright was married June 20, 1880, to Adelaide C. Bechtel, a native of Jackson, Canaan township, this county, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Bechtel, an old and highly respected family there, having come from Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively, in a very early day. Mr. Bechtel died September 23, 1880, and Mrs. Bechtel joined him in the silent land December 25, 1894.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wright three children were born: Elta Ephraim, a well-known blacksmith in Doylestown; Floyd Samuel was educated in the Sterling public schools and worked in the electric plant in Sterling, being an electrician of much promise; Don Franklin, at home and attending school.

Mr. Wright is one of the best-known men in his township, his popularity being richly deserved because of his genuine worth and his genial disposition.

JOSEPH MILLER.

How rapidly time is thinning the ranks of the brave boys in blue who went forth in defense of the nation's integrity during the dark and stormy epoch of the Civil war is evident to even the superficial observer, and the silvered heads of those who appear in the ranks of the veterans at the various encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic show whither the line of march is tending. The younger generation may well look in admiration and honor upon these valiant sons of the republic who saved to the world a grand and united country, and though time has thrown its beneficent influence over

the story of the great conflict and the animosities of the past have been softened and chastened, yet never can there be aught but appreciation of the services of the men who followed the stars and stripes on the sanguinary battlefields of the South. One of the honored veterans of the war of the Rebellion was the subject of this review, who passed away at his home in Burbank in 1905. A valiant soldier in battle, a high-minded citizen, a loving husband and kind father, and a faithful friend,—he was during his life considered one of the strong, virile men of the community, and society in general would be better if there were more like him.

Joseph Miller was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 2d day of May, 1828, and is a son of John and Mary Miller, who were early settlers in that city. They were of German descent and in the subject were embodied many of the elements which have made citizens of that nationality such a desirable addition to our great cosmopolitan population. Mr. Miller was educated in the public schools of the city of Baltimore. In 1852, when about twenty-four years old, he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and for a while worked at farm work for others. In 1855 he began working for himself and thereafter he successfully carried on farming operations until his death. He was a man of progressive ideas and kept in close touch with the most modern ideas relating to the science of agriculture and therefore was able to reap abundantly where he had sown. In 1899 he moved from the farm to the town of Burbank, where he lived until his death, though still maintaining a personal supervision over his farming operations.

Mr. Miller's private life was rudely interrupted in the early sixties when the tocsin of war was sounded throughout the land, and in response to his country's call for aid he enlisted, in 1861, in the Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under the immediate command of Captain Horn, and during the following three years he rendered valiant and faithful service in defense of his country's integrity. He took part in a number of heavy engagements, besides many minor battles and skirmishes, and gained an enviable record as a faithful and courageous soldier.

On the 7th of July, 1853, Mr. Miller married Sarah E. Stoops, a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth Stoops. The father died in his native state and the mother brought her family to Ohio in 1853, her death occurring here in 1884. To this union were born ten children, named as follows: Margaret Jane, Elizabeth, George, Rebecca, Christopher (deceased), Charles, Edward, Lee Della and Clara. In politics Mr. Miller was an ardent Democrat and took a deep interest in the success of his party at the polls. He was a quiet and unassuming man him-

self, however, and made no effort to secure public preferment for himself. He was a man of steady and commendable habits and had the happy faculty of winning friends wherever he went, his friends being in number as his acquaintances.

BENJAMIN EDWARD HASKINS.

Among the enterprising and progressive citizens of Canaan township, Wayne county, Ohio, none are held in higher esteem than he whose name appears at the head of this brief sketch. He is one of the solid and substantial citizens of his community and his influence has ever been found in support of every movement calculated to benefit the community morally, educationally, religiously or materially. Such men constitute the backbone of our great American civilization and to them are we indebted for the stability of our present-day institutions.

Tracing the ancestral history of the Haskins family, it is learned that Pere Haskins, grandfather of the subject, was born in 1781, and that he was a soldier in the war of 1812. Eventually he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he had bought June 6, 1843, of Joseph Stratton. This farm he and his sons proceeded to clear and put into cultivation and it now is one of the best farms in the township, being the one on which the subject now resides. Here Pere Haskins continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1854. He married Louisa Williams, who was born in 1795, and whose death occurred in 1887. To them were born the following children: Sidney, born December 1, 1806; Erastus, born December 23, 1812; Abigail, born January 25, 1815; William, born July 24, 1817; Laura, born March 11, 1821; Maxcy, born September 5, 1824; Rhoda, born June 29, 1822; Frederick Newell, born February 11, 1829; Alex C., born February 26, 1827; Charles Alexander, born March 6, 1832.

Of these Charles was a soldier during the Civil war, having enlisted in Company K, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and rendered valiant service for his country. Frederick Newell Haskins was a captain in the Home Guards during the same period, and as a result of exposure while suffering from typhoid fever, he was made an invalid for life. Maxcy Haskins was an expert millwright by trade, and owned a mill at Canaan Center, the first in this part of the county. He married Sybil Turner on March 8, 1856, she being the daughter of Jesse Turner, and to this union were born

two children, Ella Serene, born December 17, 1856, and Ernest Clifford, born October 27, 1860. Maxcy Haskins died on April 4, 1863, and on March 24, 1867, his widow married his brother, Frederick Newell Haskins. He was a mason by trade, but always lived on and managed the home farm. He died March 12, 1902. He was a man of excellent parts and enjoyed the esteem of the entire community. To Frederick and Sybil Haskins were born three children, as follows: Frederick William, born April 29, 1868; Bertha, born June 18, 1874; Benjamin Edward, born May 28, 1871. Of these children, Ella S. and Benjamin E. now reside on the home farm. They attended the public schools during their youth and received a fair education. They live in the comfortable and attractive home in Canaan township and maintain it at the same high standard for which it has always been noted. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they give an earnest and generous support. Benjamin E. Haskins is the possessor of many fine personal qualities which win for him the esteem and friendship of all who come in contact with him. He is public spirited in his attitude towards local enterprises and gives his support to all worthy enterprises.

MICHAEL S. GISH.

This venerable pioneer and representative agriculturist of Wayne county has been a resident of the county from his infancy, thus having witnessed and taken an active part in the development of this section of the state from a sylvan wild to its present condition as an opulent agricultural and industrial community, with admirably improved farms and thriving cities and villages. From the rude forest lodge of the early days, the primitive schools and the meagre advantages of the pioneer epoch, he has seen the varied transitions and in the evening of his life is enabled to enjoy the fruits of his long years of earnest toil and endeavor. He early began to contribute to the work of clearing the land from its heavy forest, later assisted in the establishment of better schools and better public improvements, while his life course has ever been so directed as to retain to him the unqualified approval and esteem of the community in which he has passed his entire life. As a sterling representative of one of the pioneer families of this section of the Buckeye state, it is imperative that a due tribute be incorporated in this work.

Michael S. Gish was born in Milton township, the locality now being known as Rittman, Wayne county, on the 9th of May, 1839, and is a son of



M. S. GISH



Jacob and Fannie (Shank) Gish. His paternal grandparents, Abraham and Anna (Longenecker) Gish, who were descended from Swiss ancestry, were both born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they were married and reared their family. The husband died in that state and his widow then brought her family to Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, where she lived the remainder of her days and died. This worthy couple were patriotic in spirit and during the trying days of the Revolutionary war they furnished as far as they were able the colonial soldiers with clothing, cattle and provisions, thus contributing in a material way to the success of the patriot army. The subject's maternal grandparents, John Shank and wife, were natives of Switzerland and in 1717 they came to America, locating near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where they lived the remainder of their lives. The subject's ancestors in both paternal and maternal lines were Mennonites in religious belief and were consistent people in their lives. When, in 1812, the second war with Great Britain broke out, Abram Gish was engaged in the building of his house, but he promptly laid aside his tools and went to the defense of his country. At the termination of hostilities he completed the house and it is still standing and in use.

Jacob Gish was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1804, and his wife was born there in 1807. They were married in 1830 and immediately thereafter moved to Wayne county, Ohio, where they established a home in the wilderness. Some of the household furniture which they first used there is now in the possession of the subject and is very highly prized as heirlooms. Jacob Gish brought a farm in the northeast corner of Milton township, and at once applied himself to the herculean task of clearing it and rendering it fit for cultivation. The place was developed into a splendid farm and here Mr. Gish lived the remainder of his days. He was a quiet and unostentatious man, applying his energies to the cultivation of his farm and the rearing of his family and as a citizen, farmer and family man he occupied an enviable position in the community. He became the father of eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom four sons are now living. The father died in June, 1864, and the mother in 1895, at the age of eighty-seven years. They were a worthy old couple and were beloved by all who knew them.

Michael S. Gish received a good education, completing his elementary studies in the district schools, after which he attended three terms in the Haysville Academy, one term at the Canaan Academy and one term at the State Normal School at Medina. He was thus well prepared for the profession

which he hoped to make his life work,—that of teaching,—and he engaged in it with great promise of success. His hopes were well founded, for during the following twelve years in which he was engaged as a pedagogue he was considered one of the best teachers in this county and he undoubtedly would have risen to the front rank in his profession had not his work been interrupted by failing health. Because of this fact he found it necessary to take up work which would permit of his remaining more in the open air, and thus he became a farmer. He purchased a farm of eighty acres situated south of Sterling, Milton township, and to the operation of this farm he has since applied his energies, with gratifying success. He was progressive and enterprising in his methods and hesitated not to adopt new ideas when their practicability and wisdom had been demonstrated, the result being that he realized gratifying returns for the labor bestowed. In addition to the cultivation of the soil, Mr. Gish also gave considerable attention to the raising of livestock, giving special attention to Shorthorn and Durham cattle, of which he bred and raised some magnificent specimens.

In 1901 Mr. Gish received from President McKinley the appointment as postmaster at Sterling, a position which he has held continuously since, renting his farm, while he resides in town. He is an accommodating and painstaking official and has performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of his superiors and the patrons of the office. Mr. Gish has taken a commendable interest in public affairs and has served two terms as trustee of the township, one term as justice of the peace and as a member of the school board, in all of which he has given faithful performance to the duties of the positions.

On January 10, 1878, Mr. Gish was married to Martha Slemmons, a daughter of Samuel Slemmons, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. In politics Mr. Gish has been an ardent Republican, and has taken an active interest in the success of his party. His religious belief is that of the Presbyterian church, to which body he and his wife belong and to which they give a cordial and liberal support. At the outbreak of the Civil war, Mr. Gish was desirous of enlisting in the army, but, because of a lameness which he had received in 1852, he was not eligible for enlistment, much to his regret.

Mr. Gish is widely known and universally esteemed. His long residence here has identified him with the changes which have taken place in this county, and he has ever been an important factor in promoting enterprises looking to the upbuilding of the best interests of the county. His many admirable qualities of head and heart have won for him the honest esteem and regard of all who know him, his friends being in number as his acquaintances.

WILLIAM F. WHITE.

The subject of this review is a gentleman of high standing to whom has not been denied a due measure of success. He is distinctively one of the representative citizens of Canaan township and is a recognized factor of importance in connection with the agricultural interests of the county of Wayne. Mr. White has been closely identified with the material growth and prosperity of this section of the state and he is recognized as a man of excellent parts, one who is eminently entitled to recognition in a work of this character.

William F. White is a native of the state of Maryland, where he was born in 1874, and he is the son of Jacob and Lucetta (Fassmacht) White, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Jacob White was a mill-stone cutter by trade and was considered an expert workman in his day. His death occurred in Maryland in 1876. He was the owner of a small farm, which was operated by his sons. Jacob and Lucetta White were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, of whom one son is deceased. In 1878, soon after the death of her husband, Mrs. Lucetta White brought her family to Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, and here the boys obtained employment among the neighboring farmers.

William White received his education in the common schools and, having all his life been a close reader and a keen observer of men and things, he is today considered a well-informed man. He was reared to the life of a farmer and has followed that calling all his life. For a number of years he was employed in agricultural pursuits in Medina and Wayne counties, and by dint of good management, persistent energy and wise economy, he was, in the spring of 1909, enabled to buy a fine farm of one hundred and twenty-five and a half acres in Canaan township, onto which he moved and to which he is now giving his sole attention. The place is well improved with a full set of farm buildings, the fences are in good repair, while the place is well supplied with all the machinery necessary to the conduct of an up-to-date farm. Everything about the farm is kept in the best of condition and its general appearance indicates the owner to be a man of sound judgment and excellent taste. He is progressive in his methods and keeps in close touch with the most advanced ideas relating to successful agriculture. He carries on a diversified system of farming, and in addition to the tilling of the soil he also gives due attention to the raising of livestock, in which he has been successful to a gratifying degree.

In 1898 Mr. White was united in marriage to Eliza Sprangle, the daughter of Hugh and Mary (Bowman) Sprangle, who were natives of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. White have been born five children, Ford, Ruby, Luella, Blanche and Wayne Howard.

In politics Mr. White is a strong and enthusiastic Republican and takes a commendable interest in local public affairs. In religion he was reared a Mennonite, while his wife and her parents are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. White is a man of splendid qualities, and easily makes friends, his genial disposition and courteous manners commending him to the kindly feeling of all with whom he comes in contact.

DANIEL V. HUFFMAN.

A descendant of sturdy Swiss ancestors and a highly respected citizen of Chippewa township, Wayne county, is Daniel V. Huffman, a native of this township, having been born here April 15, 1830, the son of Daniel and Abigail (Franks) Huffman, the former a native of Switzerland, having been born near Geneva in 1798, and the latter born in Pennsylvania about 1800. In 1803 the father came to America with his parents, who located in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and there remained until 1816, when they moved to Ohio and settled in Chippewa township, Wayne county. Daniel, father of the subject, was five years old when he landed in America. The paternal grandparents of the subject, Daniel and Anna Huffman, entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, which they cleared and improved and there reared their family. They first located at Easton, Chippewa township, in which vicinity they spent their lives. The subject's maternal grandfather, Henry Franks, was a native of Pennsylvania and in an early day came to Wayne county, Ohio, and here he and his wife lived and died. The subject's father and mother married in Wayne county. Buying land two miles south of Doylestown, they developed a comfortable home, owning eventually one hundred and ninety-two acres. They were loyal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church, and they lived quiet, retired lives. They were the parents of seven children. Daniel Huffman, father of the subject, married twice and became the father of seven children by his second wife also, the subject being the only member of the first set of children now living; five survive of the second marriage. The subject's father died in 1868 and his mother in 1840.



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL V. HUFFMAN



Daniel V. Huffman received a common school education in the schools of Chippewa township, working on the home farm in the meantime. He received a good education for those days and taught school very acceptably for a period of seven years, then began farming, which he followed for two years, then became superintendent of a mine at Doylestown, remaining in that position for a period of twenty-one years. Then after working at something else for a time, he returned to the mine and was superintendent of the same for three more years. During that time he did all the civil engineering of the mine, having learned this profession in the district school under C. Bell, who was afterwards county surveyor for many years. In 1887 Mr. Huffman bought coal on option in Tuscarawas county for the Beaver Dam Coal Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. Then he bought the coal and drilled it for this company. In 1903 he retired from active life and has been living quietly at his beautiful home in Doylestown. He has prospered by reason of his close application to his work and now in his old age he is surrounded by plenty as the evidence of his former years of industry. He is the owner of a very valuable farm in Chippewa township.

Mr. Huffman was married, December 29, 1853, to Susan Miller, a native of Stark county, Ohio, the daughter of Louis and Mary Miller, old settlers in Stark county, where they lived and died, having been influential and highly respected in their vicinity.

To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel V. Huffman two children have been born, namely: Isaac Wellington, a farmer living in Stark county, on his grandfather's old farm; Louis Daniel is deceased. Mr. Huffman's first wife died in Stark county, at Canal Fulton, in June, 1860. Mr. Huffman was again married April 8, 1862, to Catherine Wilhelm, a native of Medina county and the daughter of Christian and Mary C. Wilhelm. They were natives of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio about 1837, locating in Medina county. Mr. Wilhelm was a shoemaker by trade, which he followed for thirty-six years; then he bought a farm and retired.

Henry Franks was captured by Indians when sixteen years of age and held a prisoner for three years, when he escaped. Being a great hunter, he was given many liberties by the Indians and in this way made his escape. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Huffman's second wife, Mathew and Margaret Wagner, were also natives of Pennsylvania, as were her paternal grandparents. Her parents were regarded as leading citizens of their locality. To Mr. Huffman and his second wife four children were born, namely: Crelia, who died in infancy; Sherman J., who is engaged in the shoe business in Akron; Eliza May; Cora Ellen, the wife of Nathan Boger.

Politically Mr. Huffman is a Republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Although Mr. Huffman's early life was one of hard toil, he has been well rewarded. He has accomplished much good for his fellow men at the same time that he has been laying by a competency for himself and family, and he has won the respect and honor of all with whom he has been associated.

JOHN MCGUFF.

Highly respected as a citizen and honored as a patriotic defender of the stars and stripes in a war which tested the solidity and perpetuity of America's free institutions, the subject of this brief review is distinctively one of the leading men of the township where he maintains his residence and is in every way worthy of mention with the progressive and representative citizens of Wayne county.

John McGuff is a native of the dominion of Canada, having been born in Quebec on the 14th of April, 1846. His parents, Michael and Mary McGuff, were both natives of Castle Bar, Ireland, and came to America in 1843, locating first in Quebec, where the father was employed as a laborer. In about 1848 they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and eventually settled at Macedonia, Ohio, where their deaths occurred, the father dying in 1863. They were the parents of four sons, two having been born in Ireland and two in Canada.

The subject of this sketch was handicapped in his early youth by the poverty of his parents. They reared him as best they could until he was ten years of age, when he came to Oak Grove, Milton township, Wayne county, and in the schools there he secured a fair education. Subsequently he went to Michigan and there learned the trade of carpenter, which vocation he followed continuously until 1897. He was an expert and proficient workman and did much building in this part of the state. On August 5, 1897, Mr. McGuff was appointed postmaster at Creston, receiving the appointment and the hands of President McKinley, and he has continued to discharge the duties of the office since that time. He is an accommodating and pains-taking official, prompt in the discharge of his duties and courteous to the customers of the office, and is held in the highest regard by all who come in contact with him.

During the early part of the Civil war Mr. McGuff gave unmistakable evidence of his patriotism by enlisting as a private in Company G, Eighty-

sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served about ten months. After remaining at home a year, he again enlisted, this time in Company G, of the One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Ohio Regiment, and served one year. Both enlistments were made at Wooster. Mr. McGuff gave his best possible service in the defense of his country and assisted in the capture of the rebel General Morgan, being at that time under the command of Colonel DeCoursey, who was in command of the brigade. The regiment did valiant service at Cumberland Gap and was in a number of other engagements. The subject was employed much of his time in guard duty. His old military associations are kept alive through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is a past post commander.

Politically Mr. McGuff is a stanch Republican and has taken a prominent part in local public affairs, having served his fellow citizens in the capacity of assessor, five terms, constable, and road supervisor, giving the best of satisfaction in every position to which he has been called. Fraternally he belongs to the time-honored order of Free and Accepted Masons and also is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. His religious belief is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs, and to that society they render an earnest and consistent support.

On November 12, 1878, Mr. McGuff was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Hattie Benjamin, who was born in Medina county, Ohio, April 14, 1859, the daughter of Samuel and Helen Benjamin, early settlers here. Mrs. McGuff's paternal grandfather was one of the earliest settlers in this part of the state and had a prominent part in inducing the Erie railroad to survey its line through this county. To Mr. and Mrs. McGuff the following children have been born: Carl, a conductor residing at Cleveland, Ohio; Claud, a traveling salesman for Parsons & Parsons, of Cleveland, and Ethel, who remains at home. Mrs. McGuff died on January 6, 1900, and was buried at Creston cemetery. Mr. McGuff is a public-spirited citizen and a whole-souled man, ever ready to help forward any work designed for the public good. He has done much toward bringing Canaan to the front among the sisterhood of townships of Wayne county, and is recognized by all as one of its most useful citizens and is consequently greatly honored and respected.

NOAH S. BURKHOLDER

was born in Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 19th day of February, 1860, and is a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Smoker) Burkholder. The grandparents were John and Barbara (Schrock) Burkholder, the former

of whom was born in Switzerland in 1801. He came to the United States with an uncle in 1817 and located in Pennsylvania, and in 1823 he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and located on what is known as the old Burkholder farm. He was first employed by his uncle, Benjamin Schrock, whose daughter, Barbara, he married. They became the parents of four children, Jonathan, Jonas, Nancy and Sarah. Jonathan Burkholder was reared to manhood on the paternal homestead and on attaining mature years he married Elizabeth Smoker, to which union were born nine children: Sarah, Anna, Caroline, Meenow, Noah S., Simon S., Amos, Joseph and an infant that died unnamed. Noah S. Burkholder was reared on the farm which was owned by his grandfather, John Burkholder, and there he helped in the manifold duties pertaining to farm life. On the 20th of December, 1884, Mr. Burkholder was united in marriage to Lizzie A. Hostetler, who was born in Wayne township, Wayne county, Ohio, March 6, 1858, and is a sister of Jonathan K. Hostetler. No children have been born to this union, but Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder have, out of their kindness, reared four children and have adopted two: Meriam, born June 4, 1896, and Alice, born October 30, 1898. These children are being cared for and educated as carefully as though they were the subject's own children.

DR. WILLIAM N. LAVIERS.

To win success in any profession or avocation and become something more than mediocre requires a definiteness of purpose, an unswerving courage and a force of personal character that impel admiration. These qualities Dr. William N. LaViers seems to possess, for, in the face of obstacles, he has forged his way to the front as a veterinary surgeon, standing at the head of this profession in Wayne county, throughout which his name has become a household word, for he has been very successful in the practice of his profession. As his name would indicate, he comes from a French family, an old and honored one, and he possesses many of the qualities that made his ancestors noted in their communities. His birth occurred in North Lawrence, Stark county, Ohio, November 27, 1882. He was educated in the public schools and reared on the farm which he assisted in developing during his boyhood, while he was not in school. He was a good student and graduated from the high school at Canal Fulton, June 12, 1902, after which he taught school one winter. But, not liking school teaching, he entered the lumber business, at which he worked for a time. Having long desired to



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become a veterinary surgeon, he entered the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, Canada, where he made a very commendable record and from which institution he was graduated in 1907 with the degree of Veterinary Surgeon.

Returning to Ohio after his graduation, Doctor LaViers established an office at Dalton, April 1, 1907, and soon had a good practice. This community had long felt the want of just such a live and well equipped young veterinary as he, and those owning livestock were quick to secure his services when such were required, with the result that he has shown himself to be not only well versed in his profession but by nature an excellent judge of a horse and possessing all the qualifications necessary in the successful prosecution of this line of work.

Doctor LaViers was married on December 25, 1906, to Bessie L. Dreurey, a very estimable young lady and the representative of an excellent family. This union has resulted in the birth of one child, Nellie Vester, born January 7, 1908.

Doctor LaViers is a Republican in politics, although he does not find time to take a very active interest in the affairs of his party. Fraternally he is a member of Arling Lodge, No. 775, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Personally he is an obliging, courteous and genial young man whom everybody likes. Religiously he and his wife both belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOEL B. AMSTUTZ.

Among the substantial men of influence living in Milton township the name of Joel B. Amstutz should be included, partly because he is a native of the same and his efforts have always been for the promotion of Wayne county affairs. His birth occurred on June 9, 1851, the son of Ulrich and Marie (Logabill) Amstutz. The former was born in Switzerland on April 26, 1801, and died March 19, 1881; his wife was also a native of Switzerland, where she was born May 14, 1809, and died September 6, 1876. When nineteen years of age Ulrich Amstutz came to America and located in Milton township, section 24. Here he married and took up government land, in time accumulating in all four hundred acres, which he cleared and improved, and there reared a family of seven sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, of whom five sons and two daughters are now living. The father was an elder in the Mennonite church and was known among his neighbors as a peacemaker; while he took an interest in politics, he was no office-seeker. He was respected as a man of integrity and generosity and eminent

fairness. Two brothers and two sisters of Ulrich were: John, who located in Greene township; Peter, in Putnam county; Mrs. Rev. Christian Steiner, of Wayne county, and Mrs. Basinger, of Putnam county.

Joel B. Amstutz was educated in Smithville Academy and taught school for one year, during the winter of 1872 and 1873. He was reared on a farm and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for three years, then married and lived a year on the farm. In 1878 he moved to Sterling and entered the grist-mill business, which he followed very successfully until 1892. In 1878 and 1879 he built the first two residences on the west side of the railroad track. In 1900 he entered the employ of the Knights of the Maccabees and has been employed by this organization ever since, traveling entirely in Ohio. In 1899 he was acting as bookkeeper of the Starling Boiler Company at Barberton; previous to that for a period of four years he was bookkeeper for the Toledo Stove Company, giving these firms entire satisfaction. Previous to that he was engaged in the tobacco business, also insurance and notary public. Just before going to Toledo he was employed for some time with the Royal Arcanum fraternity and worked in that capacity in Ohio and West Virginia. He has been very successful at whatever he has been engaged in. He has a fine home which he built on South Main street. Previous to 1892 he had accumulated considerable wealth, but failed during the bad panic of 1893, and was compelled to begin over again. However, he had the courage to push forward and was soon on his feet again, and today he is one of the substantial men of the township.

In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but is now independent. He has held nearly every township and village office within the gift of the people in his vicinity. He was for many years a member of the Democratic committee, and has been trustee, school director, assessor, treasurer and clerk of Milton township, besides several other offices. Fraternally he is a member of Seville Lodge, No. 74, Master Masons, also belonging to the chapter, Medina, No. 30; Wooster Council, No. 13, and Wooster Commandery, No. 48. He was made a Mason November 1, 1881, passed the degree of Fellowcraft on November 15, 1881, and that of Master, November 29, 1881. In July, 1908, he was made a chapter Mason, and on April 15, 1909, a Royal and Select Master; he was elected to the commandery June 8, 1909, the degree being conferred on September 14, 1909. He joined the Knights of Pythias in 1882, Lodge No. 173, at Sterling. He also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, and he joined the Royal Arcanum in 1879. He has long taken an abiding interest in lodge work and he holds high rank in lodge circles throughout the state. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

Mr. Amstutz was married on December 5, 1875, to Susan Hoover, a native of Wayne county, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Hoover, old settlers of this county and highly respected people. Two children have been born to this union, Meno S., who graduated at Ada College, then went to Atlanta for four years and was employed in the Georgia city by the Lidgerwood-Gordon Manufacturing Company. He was promoted to the home office in New York City, where he remained eleven months, when he died February 24, 1904. He was a member of the Atlanta Lodge of Masons and is buried in the Seville cemetery. The second child, Jeanette, who graduated from the Sterling high school, is living at home. For many years she has been clerking for D. C. Steiner.

For thirty years Mr. Amstutz has been a "teetotaler," believing in absolute temperance. He is well liked by all who know him as a result of his many commendable personal traits.

THOMAS E. CARNAHAN.

The founder of the local branch of the family of this name in America was James Carnahan, a native of Ireland, who became an emigrant to this country in 1800, or thereabouts. His movements at that time are not definitely recorded, but it seems that shortly after arriving he located in Pennsylvania. While a resident of that state he married Katherine Lanch and removed to Ohio about 1808, locating in Milton township, Wayne county, where he ended his days. The maternal grandparents were John and Mary Hutchinson, the former born in 1778, the latter in 1789. He was a native of Virginia, of Irish parents, while his wife was born in Wales. After marrying in Virginia they removed to Pennsylvania, but later came to Ohio, where all their children were born. William Carnahan, son of James, married Sophronia Hutchinson, a daughter of John and Mary. William was born in Milton township in 1827 and his wife in Chippewa township in the same year. James Carnahan, the emigrant ancestor, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his grandson still owns a blanket used by him during his field service. After his marriage, William Carnahan became a farm worker and wood-chopper, saved up money enough to buy a farm, increased his holdings from year to year and at one time owned about two hundred and forty acres of land. His death occurred in 1887 and that of his wife in September, 1902. All of their three children are still living, and are proud of the good name left them by their pioneer parents.

Thomas E. Carnahan, one of the three children above mentioned, was born in Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the farm he now owns, June 3, 1867. He obtained his education in the usual way of country boys, by attending the township schools during the winters, while the spring and summer and early fall were devoted to farm work. As soon as he grew to manhood he began farming for himself and now occupies the old homestead, consisting of eighty acres, northwest of Sterling. He does not undertake much fancy farming, but confines his efforts to producing the ordinary cereal crops of this latitude and to raising the amount of stock adapted to his acreage. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and enthusiastic in support of the Democratic party. He enjoys excellent standing in his community, both socially and financially, and is regarded as one of the safe and conservative farmers of the younger generation. In 1889 Mr. Carnahan was married to Ida B., daughter of Samuel Frase, an old settler of Wayne county. Mr. and Mrs. Carnahan have five children, Zoe, Hazel, Kent, Ethel and Stanley. Mrs. Carnahan is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JACOB SCHORLE.

There is no nation that has contributed to the complex makeup of our American social fabric an element of more sterling worth and of greater value in fostering and supporting our national institutions than has Switzerland. From this source our republic has had much to gain and nothing to lose. Switzerland has given us men of sturdy integrity, indomitable perseverance, high intelligence and much business sagacity,—the result being the incorporation of a strong and strength-giving fibre, ramifying through warp and woof. A man who may well look with pride on his Swiss origin is the subject of this review, who is one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Milton township, Wayne county, where he is personally recognized as a representative citizen, having attained a high degree of success through his operations.

Jacob Schorle was born in Basel, Switzerland, on the 22d of October, 1867, and is the son of Otto and Mary (Gysin) Schorle, both of whom also were natives of that little republic, where they spent their lives and died. They were the parents of four children, two of whom came to America, the subject being the only survivor here. The two who remained at home are still living. The subject received a good education in the public schools at

Basel and in his youth learned bookkeeping. At the age of eighteen years, fired with an ambition to secure larger opportunities for future advancement, he came to the United States, and at once located in Milton township, Wayne county, where for the ensuing three years he was in the employ of Peter Mongey, later working for five years for John Slemmons. He was industrious and economical and at the end of the period noted he found himself in position to start out on his own account. He therefore bought one hundred and sixty acres of fine land located northeast of Sterling, in Milton township, and here he has since conducted farming operations with a very gratifying degree of success. His property is adorned with a full set of neat and attractive farm buildings, everything about the place indicating the owner to be a man of good judgment and wise discrimination. In connection with the tilling of the soil, Mr. Schorle also devotes considerable attention to stock raising, Holstein cattle being his specialty. He is progressive in his methods and keeps in close touch with the latest ideas in relation to successful agriculture.

On March 22, 1889, Mr. Schorle was united in marriage to Mary Leichty, a daughter of John and Veronica (Mongey) Leichty. This union has been a most happy and congenial one and has been blessed in the birth of ten children, namely: Walter, Otto, Martha, Fannie, Howard, Dorothy, Wallace, Laura, Edith and Harold. In religion the subject is a member of the Reformed church, as is his wife, and they take a deep interest in the various activities of that society. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party, and he takes a commendable interest in the trend of current events, though not in any sense a seeker after public office or official preferment of any nature.

Mr. Schorle is one of the intelligent, substantial and responsible men of the township in which he lives. He has been a successful agriculturist and has done much to develop the resources of his fine estate, making another of the fine farms which are the pride of Wayne county. He enjoys the respect and esteem of the public as a man of integrity, while he is much beloved in the narrower circles of private life.

GIDEON HARTZLER.

This venerable pioneer of Wayne county is a native son of the Buckeye state and a representative of one of the families who came to this commonwealth in an early epoch, dignifying the same by their services and worthy-

lives, even as he has done during the more than three score and ten years which have elapsed since he was here ushered into the world. Honored by all, there is no citizen of the county more worthy of consideration in this volume, and we find satisfaction in noting here the more salient features in his career. Mr. Hartzler, after years of active and earnest endeavor, is now living retired in the attractive little city of Smithville, honored as one of the patriarchs of this locality.

Gideon Hartzler was born in Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 17th of October, 1837, and is a son of Joseph and Fannie (Kaufman) Hartzler. The subject's father was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and received a good education in the public schools. There he married Fannie Kaufman and in about 1820 they came to Ohio, locating in Greene township, Wayne county. Here Mr. Hartzler followed farming and as the years went by he saw his efforts rewarded in the acquisition of a fine farm, which at one time comprised three hundred acres. His success was due entirely to his own efforts, as he came to this country in poor financial circumstances and his life during the following years was one of unremitting toil and earnest endeavor. He was a man of sterling qualities and enjoyed the respect of all who knew him. In religion he was an Amish Mennonite. To him and his wife were born eleven children, namely: One that died in infancy unnamed, Levi, Sarah, Enos, John, Elizabeth, Solomon, Seth, Benjamin, Gideon and Nancy. Of these, all are now dead but Gideon.

Gideon Hartzler was reared on the Greene township farm and secured his education in the common schools of the locality. When of proper age, he took up the duties of the farm and was so employed until he started out in the world for himself. For awhile he was employed by the day at farm work, but at length acquired a farm of his own in Greene township, and to this he devoted his attention until 1897, when he sold the farm and bought six acres eligibly located in Smithville, where he is now living retired from active labor, enjoying that rest which he so richly earned during his long and active life. He is now in comfortable financial circumstances, and is counted among the solid citizens of the township.

Mr. Hartzler has twice been married. On March 3, 1864, he married Lydia Plank, by whom he had ten children, whose names and the dates of their births are as follows: Samuel, March 2, 1865; Adam J., September 22, 1866; Fannie S., April 12, 1868; Harvey J., September 11, 1869; Solomon, October 26, 1871; Mary A., September 9, 1873; Elizabeth, January

16, 1876; Emma, August 1, 1878; Clara and Sarah, twins, June 5, 1881. Mrs. Lydia Hartzler died on August 1, 1881, and in October, 1884, Mr. Hartzler wedded Arie Yoder, who was born December 31, 1837, the daughter of Reuben Yoder. Mr. and Mrs. Hartzler are faithful members of the Amish Mennonite church, to which they give a hearty and liberal support. In politics Mr. Hartzler is an uncompromising Republican, and takes a commendable interest in local public affairs, though he is not a seeker after public office. His influence has ever been given in support of all worthy enterprises and projects for the general good, so that he stands as a model citizen and as one who has made a large contribution to the development and progress of this section of the state.

JESSE H. WEIDMAN.

From the study of the life history of Jesse H. Weidman one may learn valuable lessons. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual and is the means of bringing to man success when he has no advantages of wealth or influence to aid him. It illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's life. Depending upon his own resources, looking for no outside aid or support, Mr. Weidman has risen to his present high position in the agricultural circles of Wayne county. Industry, energy and progressive spirit have ever been dominating characteristics in his makeup and through these forces he has attained a distinctive degree of prosperity, while at the same time he has earned the sincere respect of his fellow citizens.

Jesse H. Weidman was born near Belville, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of June, 1865, and is a son of Adam and Catharine (Cole) Weidman. These parents are still living at Belville. In 1883 Mr. Weidman, feeling that larger opportunities for a young man of energy and ambition lay farther west, came to Wayne county, Ohio, and accepted employment on the farm as hired hand for three years, then rented a farm for seven years, and then accepted employment on the Pennsylvania railroad for four years. At that time his wife inherited a farm of ninety-five acres and to the operation of this place he has since devoted his undivided attention. The property is eligibly located in Greene township and, under the wise management of Mr. Weidman, has been made to return good profits for the labor bestowed. He

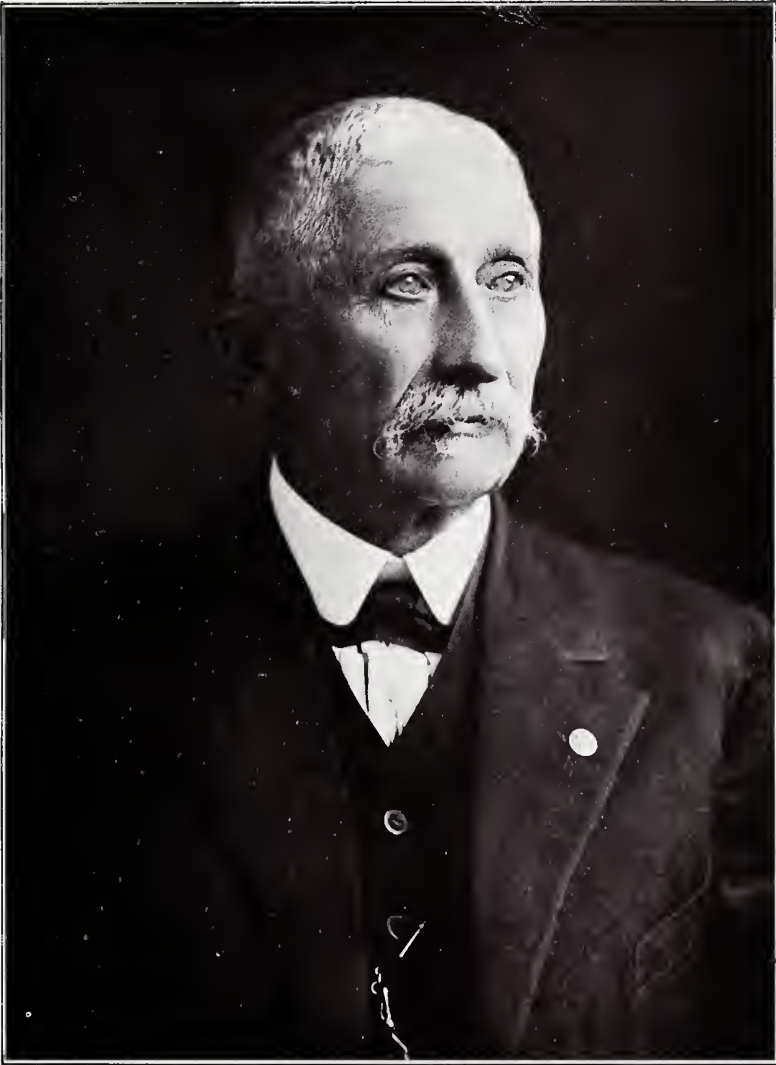
is energetic and progressive and maintains the place at the highest standard of excellence. In addition to the tilling of the soil, Mr. Weidman also gives some attention to the raising of livestock, in which he has met with gratifying success. He also runs a cider mill and chop mill. The farm is well improved and is a valuable property.

On December 24, 1886, Mr. Weidman was united in marriage to Dru-cilla Kurtz, who was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1863. Her mother died when she was but six weeks old, and she was thereafter reared by C. H. Yoder, a cousin of her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder brought her to Wayne county, Ohio, when she was but eleven months old and they gave her the same careful attention and as good an education as they would have given one of their own children. Mr. Yoder also was a native of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Weidman is of German ancestry, her paternal great-grandfather having been a native of the Fatherland, who, emigrating to the United States, settled in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. It was from Mr. Yoder that Mrs. Weidman inherited the farm on which she now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Weidman have become the parents of the following children: Laura, born December 28, 1887; Allen, born February 19, 1889; Effie, born February 2, 1892; Frank, born January 4, 1898. The children are all living at home and all have been given the advantage of a good common school education.

In religion Mr. Weidman holds to the faith of his ancestors, being a faithful and consistent member of the Amish Mennonite church. In politics he is a Republican and takes a commendable interest in local public affairs. His life has been one of untiring activity and has been crowned with a gratifying degree of success. He is of a high type of business man and is eminently deserving of recognition in a work of this character.

JOSEPH ARMSTRONG.

The record of an honorable, upright life is always read with interest and it better perpetuates the name and fame of the subject than does a monument, seen by few and soon crumbling into dust beneath the relentless hand of time. Those who have valiantly fought and suffered for their country are especially deserving of an honored place in its annals, and their posterity will turn with a just pride to these records of the founders and preservers of a



JOSEPH ARMSTRONG

prosperous, united nation. Among the leading and influential citizens of Wayne county, Ohio, is Joseph Armstrong, who owns and operates a fine and fertile farm in section 14, Franklin township. Mr. Armstrong was born in Saltcreek township, Holmes county, Ohio, on the 6th day of December, 1837. He is descended from sturdy Irish ancestry, his great-grandfather, Joseph Armstrong, Sr., having been born in county Cavan, province of Ulster, Ireland. In the year 1800 he brought his family to the United States, one child dying on the trip across the Atlantic. They settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where Joseph spent the remainder of his days. His son Joseph, who also was born in Ireland, married and was the father of the following children: Thomas, deceased; Joseph, who died July 12, 1833; John S., father of the subject of this sketch; Nancy, who became the wife of Robert Lisle; Susan, who died April 26, 1829. The father of these children brought his family to Holmes county, Ohio, in 1816, and settled on a farm which joined the Wayne county line. The land was at that time densely covered with the primeval forest and Mr. Armstrong at once entered upon the herculean task of clearing it and rendering it fit for cultivation. He married Susan Crowe, whose death occurred October 12, 1852. Their remains now lie buried in the cemetery at Fredericksburg. John S. Armstrong, father of the subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1802 and in young manhood he accompanied his parents on their removal to Holmes county, Ohio. His education was necessarily somewhat limited, but he made up for his limitations in this respect by a large fund of what is sometimes called "horse sense," being a man of sound judgment and practical ideas. He was reared to the life of a farmer and to the pursuit of this vocation he gave the active years of his life. He was enterprising and progressive and was numbered among the successful men of his community. He took a marked interest in the local affairs of the community and in the early days he organized and trained a company of militia. The splendid farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he owned was bought of James Moffitt, who lived in Pennsylvania, and Mr. Armstrong had to make the trip back to that state with the money in his saddlebags in order to complete the purchase of the place. He was a sturdy old pioneer and is still favorably remembered by the older residents of that community. John S. Armstrong married Ann Johnson Searight, who was born October 5, 1807, and to them were born the following children: Eliza Jane, born March 29, 1839, married Luther M. Roby, and her death occurred August 15, 1897; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; William Searight, born August 7, 1839, is a resident of Holmes

county, this state; Thomas James, born January 20, 1841, now lives on the old Armstrong farm which was originally entered from the government; Lucinda Ellen, born September 29, 1844, died August 3, 1866; Gilbert, born August 1, 1846, lives in Fredericksburg, this county. Mrs. Armstrong was a faithful and active member of the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Armstrong was a Republican and took an active interest in local public affairs. He died April 1, 1880, and his wife died on August 23, 1885, both being buried in the cemetery at Fredericksburg.

Joseph Armstrong, the immediate subject of this review, attended the old log school houses of the locality where he was raised and his education was necessarily somewhat limited. He was reared to the life of a farmer and remained at home as his father's assistant until 1862, when, on August 13th, he responded to his country's call for defenders, and enlisted at Cleveland in the Nineteenth Ohio Independent Light Artillery as a private. During the winter of 1863-4 he was stationed at Knoxville, Tennessee, where the army was besieged by General Longstreet's rebel forces. During this trying period the commissary supplies of the Union were sadly depleted and at one time the men were reduced to a ration of a half pint of corn meal daily. After they were extricated from this trying position, they engaged in the celebrated southern campaign under General Sherman and remained with his army until the fall of Atlanta. The company of which the subject was a member was then ordered back to Nashville, Tennessee, in order to get an equipment of new guns, their old ones having become practically worn out. During all his service thus far Mr. Armstrong had sponged and rammed one gun. After receiving their new equipment, the Nineteenth Artillery did effective service in the engagements which ended with the defeat of General Hood's forces. From Nashville, the Nineteenth went by way of the Tennessee river to the Ohio, up which they proceeded until stopped by heavy floating ice, when they were transferred to the railroad and taken to Washington, D. C. From there they went by water down the Potomac to the ocean and thence up the Cape Fear river to Wilmington, North Carolina, and then to Raleigh, where they again became a part of the army under General Sherman, with whom they remained until the close of the war. Mr. Armstrong received an honorable discharge at Cleveland, Ohio, June 28, 1865, after nearly three years of hard and faithful service for his country. During this period he passed through some thrilling experiences and had some close calls from death or injury, but escaped without injury.

After the conclusion of his military service, Mr. Armstrong returned

to his father's farm and worked there until his marriage, in 1869, when he located on the farm which he now owns and which is eligibly located in section 14, Franklin township. At that time only about sixty acres of the place had been cleared and the only building there was a rude log cabin. In this they resided until they could have a house erected, and from that on they labored energetically and unremittingly to develop the farm into their ideal of a homestead. In this laudable effort they were successful to an eminent degree and in due time the place came to be known as one of the best farms in the township, a reputation which it has always sustained. The improvements made by Mr. Armstrong are of a permanent and substantial nature, embracing a convenient and attractive residence, large and commodious barn and other necessary outbuildings. A full line of modern and up-to-date machinery is employed in the operation of the place and proper attention is given to the rotation of crops and other features which contribute to the successful operation of a farm. All the crops common to this section of the country are here raised and in connection Mr. Armstrong also gives considerable attention to the breeding and raising of livestock, in which also he has been successful to a marked degree.

On the 15th of April, 1869, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage with Martha Ann Stucker, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, December 12, 1842, the daughter of Elias and Sarah (Keller) Stucker, both of whom are now deceased. These parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and came to Holmes county in 1840. They here applied themselves to the operation of a farm and spent the remainder of their lives here. To Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have been born the following children: Lyda Jane, born January 21, 1870; Elias Charles, born October 21, 1871; Anna Lucinda, born May 4, 1874, died on the 23d of January, 1897; Sarah Elizabeth, born July 10, 1875, married Burdett S. Bontrager, of Fredericksburg, November 21, 1906, and they have one child, Blanche Ola, born September 19, 1907; Blanche, born October 15, 1878, married Albert G. McCance September 20, 1904, and lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are members of the Congregational church at Fredericksburg, of which he is a member of the official board in the capacity of trustee. His old army associations are kept alive through his membership in the A. M. Mass Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Fredericksburg. During all the years of his residence in Wayne county, Mr. Armstrong has enjoyed the unbounded confidence of all who know him and today he is numbered among the representative citizens of the township in which he lives.

FREDERICK KARCH.

There is no element which has entered our composite national fabric that has been of more practical strength, value and utility than that furnished by the sturdy, persevering and honorable sons of Germany, and in the progress of our Union this element has played an important part. Intensely practical, and ever having a clear comprehension of the ethics of life, the German contingent has wielded a powerful influence, and this service cannot be held in light estimation by those who appreciate true civilization and true advancement. Among the sons of the Fatherland who have become assimilated with and an important part of our great national unity, the subject of this sketch is an honorable representative, and because of his consistent life and sterling qualities of character he well merits representation in this work.

Frederick Karch was born June 16, 1847, in Germany, and is a son of George and Margaret (Hill) Karch, who brought their family to the United States in 1851. They located in Saltcreek township, Holmes county, where the father successfully prosecuted farming operations and stock raising. He was successful and prospered, owning over two hundred acres of fine farming land, besides some valuable city property. He was a hard-working man and enjoyed the high regard of all who knew him. He was in politics a Democrat and in religion he was affiliated with the Lutheran church, of which he was an earnest supporter. To George and Margaret Karch were born six children, Margaret, Melissa, Minnie, Cora, Jacob and Frederick.

Frederick Karch was but two years old when the family crossed the Atlantic and settled in the New World. His boyhood days were spent with his parents and in the district schools of the home neighborhood he received a good practical English education. He remained with his parents until he had attained his legal majority, when he started out in life for himself. For awhile he operated rented land as a farmer, to which vocation he had been reared, and by dint of ceaseless toil and careful economy he was prospered so that in a short time he purchased one hundred acres of land in Paint township, Holmes county, for which he went into debt. His persistent industry, however, enabled him to pay off the incumbrances in due time and he bought other land as he was able. On March 28, 1905, he purchased the M. L. Rich farm in Greene township, Wayne county, consisting of two hundred and six acres, which he is now engaged in operating. This place comprises two hundred and six acres and is considered one of the best farms in the township. The first settlement on it was made in 1811, and a monument

has been erected commemorating that fact. Mr. Karch is progressive and practical in his methods and keeps his farm buildings, fences and machinery in splendid condition. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is meeting with a measure of success commensurate with the labor bestowed.

On March 4, 1869, Mr. Karch was united in marriage with Mary E. Pounds, who was born in Paint township, Holmes county, Ohio, August 27, 1845. She was reared and received her education in Millersburg, Holmes county, Ohio. They are the parents of ten children, nine of whom are living, namely: (1) Clara V., born November 22, 1869, is the wife of Dr. Robert Sunkle. (2) Henry P., born May 17, 1871, married Mary J. Stifler; he is an attorney at Cincinnati, Ohio. (3) Charles M., born January 13, 1873, married Nina Close; he is a graduate of St. Lawrence University, of Canton, New York, and the Georgetown Law School, at Washington, D. C., and is now a practicing attorney at Cleveland, Ohio. (4) Alice L., born March 3, 1875, died August 1, 1883. (5) Abbie R., born July 2, 1877, is the wife of R. H. Hanna. (6) Maggie, born January 9, 1879, is single and is a teacher of music at Cleveland, Ohio. (7) Electa, born February 13, 1881, is single. She is a graduate of the Millersburg high school and will graduate at Wooster University in art. (8) Otto H., born September 26, 1883, is unmarried and is a traveling salesman for the Wayne Machine Company of Wooster. (9) Ula M., born January 26, 1886, unmarried, and (10) Grover C., September 10, 1887, married Frances Spencer of Holmes county.

The parents of Mrs. Karch both bore the family name of Pounds, though they were not of kin. Her father, Henry F. Pounds, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania. He was a carpenter in early life, but later followed farming. He died on March 26, 1903, having been preceded to the silent land a number of years by his wife, whose death occurred in 1875. The subject's paternal grandparents, who were slaveholders in Virginia, moved from that state to Pennsylvania, and thence to Ohio.

Politically the subject of this sketch is an ardent Democrat and takes an active interest in the trend of public affairs. His religious membership, with that of his family, is with the Christian church at Orrville, to which they render a liberal and earnest support. Mr. Karch is a sensible and well-balanced citizen, a good business man and one who keeps thoroughly abreast of the times. He is highly respected in the township and is justly considered one of the representative men.

AMMON S. HALTEMAN.

Among the prominent and successful citizens of Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, must be mentioned Ammon S. Halteman, who is a prosperous farmer and respected and useful member of society. His valuable estate attracts attention and favorable comment, not only on account of the evidences of agricultural superiority but also by reason of its attractiveness and its air of generous comfort. The present condition of the place is due almost entirely to the efforts of its owner, who is a thoroughly practical man, who not only takes a deep and intelligent interest in his vocation, but also has a commendable pride in his surroundings.

Ammon S. Halteman was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of February, 1853, and is the son of Abraham and Catharine (Stauffer) Halteman. The father was born in 1814 and died in 1882, and the mother, who was born in 1817, died in 1880. They were the parents of seven children, Leah, Mary, Jacob, Harriett, Henry, Ammon S. and Sarah. Of these, the two last named are the only survivors, Sarah being the wife of John Bergey, of Mifflintown, Juniata county, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was reared under the parental roof and was early inducted into the mysteries of successful agriculture, with which vocation he has been identified all the years of his life. He attended the common schools near his home and received a fair education. When he had attained his majority he worked as a farm hand for various employers, until 1877, when he caught the western fever and came to Ohio, locating in Wayne county. Here for a time he was employed as a farm hand, but, at the end of a year, marrying, he rented his mother-in-law's farm for a few months. In June, 1879, he bought the farm which he now owns and cultivates and has confined his attention continuously to it since. The place comprises ninety-three and a third acres and is considered one of the fine farms of the township. Mr. Halteman has erected a fine modern dwelling and made many other improvements of a substantial nature. He is energetic in his efforts and progressive in his ideas and has met with a gratifying degree of success as an agriculturalist.

On November 17, 1878, Mr. Halteman was married to Salome Troyer, the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Hostetler) Troyer. She was born in Greene township on September 20, 1860, and received a fair education in the common schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Halteman have been born eight children, whose names and the dates of birth are as follows: Ira, December 18,



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1881; Jacob V., September 12, 1883; Icie M., February 18, 1886; Ada, May 14, 1892; Roy, April 4, 1894; Ruth, January 11, 1898; Wayne, February 14, 1900; Ward, July 1, 1904.

In politics Mr. Halteman is a Republican, having cast his first vote for Rutherford B. Hayes for President. He takes a commendable interest in public affairs, though not in any sense a seeker after public office. Religiously he is a member of the Dunkard church and is serving as a member of the board of deacons.

The subject gives a thoughtful attention to every phase of his farm work and keeps in close touch with the latest advances and theories relating to the science of agriculture. Besides cultivating the soil, he is also interested in the breeding and raising of horses, giving particular attention to the Norman-Percheron breed. He is a man of many fine personal qualities and is liked by all who know him.

Joseph Troyer, father of Mrs. Halteman, was the son of Jacob Troyer. The latter was born in Holmes county, Ohio, and located in Greene township, Wayne county, in about 1814, and here he continued to reside until his death. Joseph Troyer was reared on a farm in Greene township and secured such education as was possible to secure in the schools of that day, which, as compared with the schools of the present day, were rather primitive in methods and equipment. He was a prosperous farmer and was also engaged in the saw-milling business for a number of years. He commenced his married life a poor man, but by dint of tireless energy and rigid economy, he was enabled to secure for himself a good farm and at the time of his death he was in fairly easy circumstances. He was a man of religious habits and was a member of the denomination known as the Brethren in Christ. He was the father of five children, Christian, Mattie, Joseph H., Salome and Lydia. He was born March 29, 1825, and died in 1874.

JOHN M. CRILEY.

The subject of this sketch, who fills a large place in the public view and by his connection with one of the leading financial institutions in northern Ohio, has attained an honorable position in business circles, is a native of Indiana and a son of Rev. W. W. Criley, a learned and popular minister of the Lutheran church now residing at Indianapolis, Indiana. John M. Criley was born in Indianapolis, March 9, 1869, while his father was stationed in that city, and received his preliminary education at the various places to

which the elder Criley was called during his ministerial labors. In this way young Criley was provided with the best educational facilities obtainable and his progress was such that while still quite young he was enabled to enter institutions of a higher grade, where in due time he was prepared for college. His collegiate training consisted of a course in Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, the training thus received being afterwards supplemented by attendance at Wittenberg College and Wooster University, Ohio, in both of which he completed the prescribed courses of study.

On leaving the latter institution Mr. Criley was made professor of mathematics in Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, where he labored with marked success for a period of three years, when he resigned to become cashier of the Wayne County National Bank, to which responsible position he was appointed in the year 1895. Mr. Criley's experience as a teacher, though of comparatively brief duration, was eminently honorable and had he seen fit to devote his life to that field of work he doubtless would have attained an enviable standing among the distinguished educators of his time. Since turning his attention to another and entirely different line of effort, however, he has forged rapidly to the front as an able, well-balanced and judicious business man, familiar with every phase of banking, thoroughly informed on monetary questions, and among his contemporaries he is regarded as one of the most capable and accomplished financiers in the northern part of the state.

Mr. Criley has ever manifested a commendable interest in educational matters and for some years has been one of the trustees of Wooster University, an institution in which he takes especial pride and to the success of which he has contributed liberally of his time and influence. He also keeps in close touch with other enterprises which make for the progress of Wooster and the welfare of the people, and is an earnest advocate and liberal patron of all measures and movements for the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the community in which he resides.

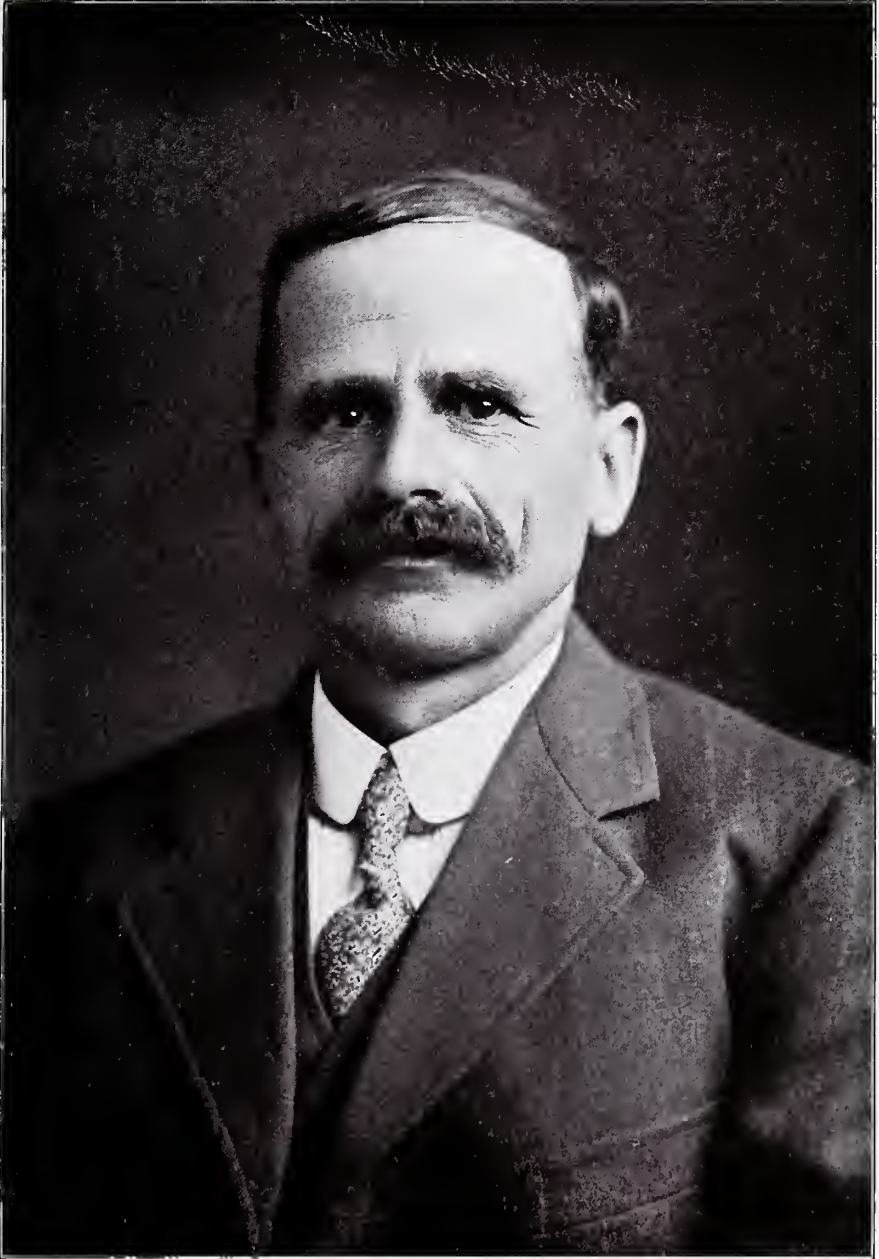
Mr. Criley is a married man and the father of four children, to whose interests and welfare he is greatly devoted. His wife, formerly Cora Frick, is a daughter of Jacob Frick, of Wayne county, and the ceremony by which her name was changed to the one she now so worthily bears was solemnized in the year 1892.

JOHN HEINRICH VILLARD.

Representing one of the oldest and best known families in Wayne county, Ohio, and a man of enterprise and sterling worth, John Heinrich Villard is well entitled to notice among the representative citizens of the locality of



MRS. JOHN H. VILLARD



J. H. Villard

which this volume treats, where he is well known and respected by all classes as a result of his well regulated life and interest in the general welfare of his county. He was born at Mt. Eaton, Wayne county, Ohio, October 1, 1865. He is the son of Frederick and Magdalena (Rudy) Villard, natives of Switzerland, the father having been born in the canton of Bern, July 4, 1812. He learned the trade of machinist and early in life invented a machine for making wire nails. He first married, in Switzerland, Mary Chantry. In 1842 he brought his family to the United States and settled on a farm at Mt. Eaton, Wayne county, Ohio, which he owned until his death and which is still an undivided estate. He continued his study of mechanics after coming to America, and secured patents on some useful inventions, but they brought him no profit as they were not pushed on the market. His wife died here, and of the five children born to them, these three grew to maturity: Frederick, Sophia and Rosa, the last named now deceased. Mr. Villard's second marriage was in 1852, when Magdalena Rudy became his wife. She was also a native of Switzerland, born June 30, 1831, and she came to America in 1851. By this marriage twelve children were born, of whom nine grew to maturity, namely: Mattie, the wife of E. F. Graber; William A., Samuel H., Simeon E.; Lucy, the wife of L. C. Klein; John Heinrich, whose name introduces this article; Charles T., Solomon E.; Ida, the wife of Elmer L. Graber. The father of this family died in 1888 and the mother is living upon the homestead.

John H. Villard, of this review, was reared on the home farm and early in life knew the meaning of hard work. He attended the district schools and received a very serviceable education. On March 24, 1892, he married Julia Mathiot, daughter of August C. and Rachael (Fisher) Mathiot. Mrs. Villard was born at Mt. Eaton, Ohio, and was reared and educated there.

Mr. and Mrs. Villard reside on the old Villard homestead, where Mr. Villard has passed all the years of his life and which he has managed very successfully. He also operates a saw-mill and cider press on the place. He is a citizen whose judgment can be relied upon and his fellow citizens, recognizing his qualifications, in 1905 elected him county commissioner and as he served the people to their utmost satisfaction he was re-elected in 1908. His former record as township assessor, an important office, won him the confidence of his constituents. Politically he is a Democrat. Like his parents, his religious membership is with the Reformed church. He is one of Paint township's best known and most progressive citizens.

CHARLES NEUROTH.

For many years Charles Neuroth has occupied a conspicuous place among the agriculturalists of Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio. His career has been that of an honorable, enterprising and progressive business man, whose well-rounded character has enabled him to take an active interest in education and social and moral affairs, and to keep well informed concerning current events and the momentous questions affecting the nation. In all life's relations he has commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been thrown in contact and his friends are in number as his acquaintances.

Mr. Neuroth is a native son of Wayne county, having been born at Marshallville on the 30th of November, 1862. He is a son of Christopher and Mary (Lutz) Neuroth. The father, who was a successful agriculturalist and highly-respected citizen, died in 1909, and his widow now resides at Marshallville.

Charles Neuroth was reared on the home farm at Marshallville until he was eight years old and received a fair education in the schools of that place. He remained with his parents until he had attained mature years and his first employment away from the home farm was as section foreman on the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad, which position he held about a year. He then decided to return to his first love, agriculture, and to this end he bought the splendid farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres in Greene township, which he now operates. Practically all of this farm is under cultivation and on it are raised all the crops common to this section of the country. Mr. Neuroth also gives some attention to the raising of livestock, in which he has met with a gratifying degree of success. He is energetic and methodical in his farming operations and keeps his place up to the highest standard of excellence. He has excellent farm buildings and a fine line of modern farming machinery, and in everything he does he is guided by twentieth-century methods and means. He is a close reader of authorities pertaining to advanced agricultural methods and is not slow to adopt that which to him seems to be practical and reasonable, the result being that he is today considered one of the progressive farmers of his township.

In June, 1885, Mr. Neuroth was united in marriage to Emma Baar, who is a native of Greene township, where she was reared and secured her education. This union has been a most happy and congenial one and has been blessed in the birth of four children, namely: Clara, born December 12,

1889; May, born May 8, 1892; and George and Grace, twins, born on October 12, 1896.

Politically Mr. Neuroth is an adherent of the Democratic party and takes a deep interest in public affairs, serving at the present time as a school director of his township. In November, 1909, he was elected trustee of the township for two years. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of the Macabees, in which he carries insurance to the amount of one thousand dollars. Mr. and Mrs. Neuroth are members of the German Lutheran church, to which they give a cordial and liberal support. Mr. Neuroth is a man of forceful individuality and marked intellectuality, and to him has been given the most unequivocal confidence and esteem of the people of the community.

JOHN M. SEIGLEY.

In nearly every community are individuals who by innate ability and sheer force of character rise above their fellows and win for themselves conspicuous places in public esteem. Such an one is the well-known gentleman whose name appears above, a man who has been identified with the history of Wayne county for over forty years, during which period his life has been closely interwoven with the material growth and development of the county, while his career as a progressive man of affairs has been synonymous with all that is honorable and upright in citizenship.

John M. Seigley was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 1st day of January, 1859. He is descended from German ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Lawrence Seigley, having been a native of the Fatherland, but came to the United States in an early day and settled on a farm in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He was a man of energy and enterprise and was successful in his vocation. He and his wife were the parents of five children, John, Benjamin, Lawrence, Barbara and Mary, and of these, John was the father of the subject of this sketch. John Seigley brought his family to the Buckeye state in 1868 and settled on a farm in the northern part of Greene township, Wayne county. Here he remained until 1878, when he moved to a farm in section 34, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in August, 1899. He married Barbara Mellinger, who survived him about ten years, dying in February, 1909. They were the parents of three children, namely: Jacob, who married Mary Krick and is operating a farm in East Union township; John M., the immediate subject of this sketch, and Anna, the wife of Joseph Royer, of Greene township. Though poor in this

world's goods when he started out in life for himself, Mr. Seigley was successful in all that he undertook and at the time of his death he owned a fine farm, valued at seven thousand dollars. He was a Republican in politics and stood high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, having served for six years as township trustee, the responsible duties of which he discharged to the complete satisfaction of his fellow citizens. He was a faithful and active member of the United Brethren church.

John M. Seigley was a lad of nine years when his parents came from their Pennsylvania home to Wayne county, Ohio, and here he has spent all his life since. He was early put to work on the farm and during the winter seasons he was given the advantage of attendance at the common schools, most of his schooling being at Smithville. He continued to work at farm labor by the day until he was twenty-six years old, when he rented his father-in-law's farm and operated it for eight years. During the following six years he operated another rented place, and was then enabled to purchase the fine farm of seventy acres in Greene township, where he now lives. He is a progressive and enterprising agriculturist, exercising a sound judgment and wise discrimination in all that he does, with the result that his efforts have been crowned with a gratifying measure of success. His farm buildings are all kept in the best of condition and he possesses a full line of modern and up-to-date farming machinery, so that his operations are carried on under the best possible conditions. Mrs. Seigley is also the owner of a splendid farm of one hundred and five acres in Milton township, which is considered a choice piece of land.

In matters political Mr. Seigley gives his support to the Republican party and is at present time serving efficiently as the treasurer of Greene township. About ten thousand dollars in public funds passes through his hands annually and he is required to give a heavy bond. Religiously, Mr. Seigley is a member of the United Brethren church, as is his wife, and they give to this society their earnest support.

Mr. Seigley married Amanda A. Tschantz, the daughter of Jacob Tschantz. She was born in Wayne county, Ohio, November 10, 1858, and received her education in the common schools of her home township. They are the parents of two children, Nettie E., born August 3, 1890, and Frank M., born June 22, 1896. Mr. Seigley possesses sound judgment and superior business abilities, and as a farmer he has taken high rank among his neighbors, who look upon him as a model agriculturist and regard him with favor as a man of broad intelligence and a leader in movements for the general prosperity of the community. He is of a genial disposition and makes friends of all he meets.

DANIEL STEINER.

Among all branches of history, there is none more instructive or more eagerly sought after than that which truthfully delineates the rise and progress of the state, county or community in which the reader lives. There is pleasure as well as profit to every intelligent mind in contemplating the struggles of the early settlers in every portion of the great West; how they encountered and successfully overcame every species of trial, hardship and danger to which men in that stirring period were subjected. But these things strike us more forcibly and fill our minds with more immediate interest when confined to our own locality where we can yet occasionally meet with some of the silver-haired actors in those early scenes, men whose bravery in encountering the manifold troubles and misfortunes incident to frontier times has borne an important part towards making Ohio what it now is, and whose acts, in connection with hundreds of others in the first settling of our vast domain, have compelled the world to acknowledge us an invincible people. The early settlement of Wayne county was marked by as much heroism and daring as characterized the frontier history of any other section of the state. Her pioneers were men of invincible courage, undaunted by the obstacles which confronted them, and the results of their self-sacrificing labors are today seen in the wonderful achievements they wrought in laying the foundation upon which their successors have builded wisely and well. The great majority of these veterans of the early day long since finished their work and are now sleeping the peaceful sleep which knows no waking on this side of the mystic stream. To meet and converse with the few living representatives of the early pioneer period, those who came here as children, or as very young men and women, and are now approaching or have passed the allotted three score years and ten, stooped with age, venerable patriarchs mostly, and their white-haired companions and helpmeets, is one of the peculiar experiences and pleasing tasks which falls to the lot of the writers of these pages. To gather up the raveled and now mostly broken threads of the strange but simple stories of their lives, to catch the fleeting facts of their histories and hand them on to posterity, might well be the ambitious labor of any man's life. Among the honored old pioneers and worthy citizens of Wayne county was numbered him whose name appears at the head of this sketch, who died December 16, 1909, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years and fourteen days, after an illness of two weeks at the home of his sons, David and Noah C., in Greene township.

Daniel Steiner was a native of Alsace, France, where he was born De-

cember 2, 1822, the son of Peter and Barbara (Lughinbuhl) Steiner. The father, Peter Steiner, brought his family to the United States in 1828, coming at once to Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, where, in the following June, he bought one hundred and seventy-two acres of land. The land was densely covered with the primeval forest growth, through which wandered many varieties of wild animals, and the task of clearing this land and rendering it fertile for cultivation was one of herculean proportions. Nevertheless, in due time the task was accomplished and here the father lived until his death, in 1844. His widow survived him a number of years, her death occurring in 1858. They were members of the Swiss Mennonite church and were people of eminent respectability in their community. They were the parents of seven children, John, Peter, Christ, Ulrich, Jacob, Barbara and Daniel. Of these, Daniel was the last survivor, having been but five years old when the family located on the farm where he lived at his death.

Daniel Steiner was reared on the paternal homestead and received his education in a private school and the district schools of the neighborhood. The latter, in that early day, were somewhat primitive in equipment and methods, but the scholars here learned the rudiments of an education, which many of them supplemented through their lives by practical experience and close observation. Daniel Steiner was early put to work on the farm and performed his full share of the labors thereon. He remained with his father until his marriage in 1853, at which time he bought the home place, comprising one hundred and seventy-two acres, to which he subsequently added by purchase a tract of sixty-four acres and one of forty-seven acres, all of which he acquired by dint of his own strenuous labor, combined with sound judgment and rigid economy. During all his active years, Mr. Steiner was a hard-working man, sparing himself at no time and never asking others to do more than he himself was willing to undertake. He carried on a general line of farming, and also gave considerable attention to the raising of livestock, in both of which lines of endeavor he was prospered greatly. He spent practically his entire life on the home place, with the exception of a trip that he and his wife made to Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and Indiana, and Putnam and Allen counties of this state. He enjoyed remarkably good health up to within a short time of his death, which he attributed to the fact that most of his life was spent out of doors and to the good care he took of himself. Despite his years, his intellect was bright and keen and he could tell many interesting reminiscences of the early days, when this section of the country gave little promise of the wonderful development which now characterizes it.

On June 12, 1853, Daniel Steiner was united in marriage with Magdaline Basinger, who was born in the state of Virginia February 2, 1828. Her family moved first to Mahoning county, Ohio, but eventually located in Pandora, Putnam county, Ohio, where Mr. Steiner met his future wife. To this union were born ten children, namely: Fannie, the wife of David Amstutz; Peter R., who is mentioned in a following paragraph; David, who is married since Thanksgiving day, 1909, and lives at home; John S., of Baughman township, this county; Daniel, a jeweler and optician, married Lavina Welty and lives at Orrville, this county; Noah married Sarah Giser; Mary B. married to Philip Hilty; and Sarah, to John Zimmerly, both farmers; Barbara died in 1897. Mr. Steiner was a faithful and consistent member of the Mennonite church and enjoyed the highest esteem of all who knew him. His long life in this community was characterized by rugged honesty and sterling integrity and the unbounded confidence of the entire community was his at all times.

Peter R. Steiner was born January 9, 1856, and was reared on the paternal homestead, where he has spent all his days. He received a fair common school education, supplementing this by attendance at the normal school conducted by Prof. J. B. Eberly at Smithville. Thus equipped, he began teaching school, in which vocation he achieved a distinctive success, continuing this work during the following eleven winters, his vacations being devoted to work on the farm. He has been a hard and energetic worker in whatever line of effort he has engaged, and has been prospered to a gratifying degree. He is now the owner of forty-seven and a half acres of splendid land in Greene township and engages in the conduct of general agriculture, combined with which he is interested in the buying and selling of horses, in which also he has met with much success. He is a splendid judge of horseflesh and has handled many fine animals. His property is well improved in every respect and he is considered one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Greene township. David and Noah C. Steiner are giving much attention to the raising of fine blooded horses and Shorthorn cattle. They also buy and sell horses of the very best quality.

On May 1, 1884, Mr. Steiner married Caroline Welty, a native of Putnam county, Ohio, where she was reared. They became the parents of six children, Clarence, Earl, Dillia, Edna, Sylvia and one that died in infancy. Mrs. Caroline Steiner died on February 11, 1893, and subsequently Mr. Steiner wedded Anna V. Burkholder, to which union were born three children, Velma, Isie and Eva. Of the subject's children, it may be stated that Clarence graduated from the Marshallville high school, taught several terms

of school and then entered Wooster University, graduating in the department of mechanical engineering. Earl, who graduated at the Marshallville high school, was a teacher and studied for the ministry at Collinwood. Dillia graduated from the Orrville high school and is now a successful teacher. Sylvia was a graduate of the Orrville high school, class of 1910.

Mr. Steiner is in politics an adherent of the Democratic party and takes an active interest in the success of that ticket, though not an aspirant for office himself. His religious membership is in the Mennonite church. He is public spirited in his attitude towards every movement calculated to benefit the community in any way and he enjoys to a high degree the respect and confidence of his fellow men.

WILSON STEELE.

This progressive and substantial citizen of the northern part of Wayne county is the scion of sterling pioneer ancestors and his active and useful life has contributed much to the development of the community where he now resides. Wilson Steele was born in Milton township, east of Sterling, December 12, 1872. His family history goes back to his great-great-grandfather, Andrew Steele, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, from Pennsylvania in 1817 with his six children, Jacob, Andrew, Michael, John, William and Mary. Little is known of this family except the second son, Andrew, the great-grandfather of Wilson Steele, who was born in Pennsylvania, August 26, 1792, and died May 23, 1854. He married his cousin, Mary Steele, who was born March 6, 1800, and who died November 23, 1882. To this union six children were born, namely: William, born November 9, 1819, died March 15, 1845; Andrew, born December 20, 1821, died September 23, 1900; Eli, born June 24, 1824, died December 7, 1898; Enoch, born January 7, 1826; Mary, born about 1830, died when but two years old; Phoebe, born May 22, 1833. This family came to Milton township when the country was wild and settled in the forests, when Andrew, uncle of Wilson Steele, was but three years old. He (Andrew, Jr.) married Mary E. Stiles, of Guilford township, Medina county, Ohio, on November 13, 1847. She was born December 25, 1830. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Annis L., born February 8, 1853; Sarah J., born April 26, 1855; Albert D., born June 4, 1858; Emma F., born September 20, 1861; Ella D., born February 6, 1865; Willard E. and Willis M. (twins), born May 18, 1869. Andrew Steele, Jr., was an extensive farmer. Johnnie Steele, the oldest member of the family, married Ida War-



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ren, April 5, 1876, and moved to Kansas; they had two children, a boy and a girl; Johnnie Steele died September 7, 1880; Mary Steele married Perry Nye in October, 1868; Elva, Mabel, Bertha, Delpha and Harry were born to her, and her death occurred March 27, 1882; this family lived near Sterling, but is now scattered; Annis, born February 8, 1853, married Sherman Johnson, March 17, 1873, settled in Litchfield, Medina county, on a large farm and reared a good, industrious family. Sarah married Justin Wideman, December 4, 1878, and lived in Creston; their only son, Claud, died when about four years old and the mother died May 20, 1890; Albert married Jennie Bricker in November, 1882, and lives in Seville, and has these children: LaVonne, Earl, Roy, Hoyt, Harold and Ralph (twins). LaVonne married Mr. Goves and moved to California. Emma married Medwin Nye, December 4, 1878, and lives in Creston, this county; three daughters were born to them, one dying when small; Ella married William Priest, November 4, 1885, and lives in Galion, Ohio; Willis died at home, February 27, 1893; Willard married May Daniels, March 28, 1895, and lives on a farm near LeRoy, Medina county, Mariam being their only child. Uncle Eli Steele married Jane Carnahan and lived in Medina county, near Friendsville, reared a large family and was an extensive farmer. Aunt Jane died on November 7, 1900.

Enoch Steele, grandfather of Wilson Steele, of this review, was the youngest of the sons in his father's family. He was educated in the home schools and has followed farming. At one time he owned two hundred acres of land and carried on general farming in a very successful manner, but he is now living retired. However, he remains on his farm, which he oversees in a general way. Enoch Steele first married Eliza Sauers in 1850 and her death occurred March 12, 1865. To this union were born: Calvin, March 17, 1851, who married Mary Kaufman, December 27, 1874; they live north of Creston on a farm and have two sons, Warren and Clarence; Edgar L., whose record is found in a following paragraph; Addie, born October 12, 1855, married John Hunter, April 20, 1882, and she lives in Seville; Mr. Hunter died May 30, 1904; Alfred Steele, who was born March 17, 1858, married Ella Shreffler, October 20, 1881, lives in Ashland and they have three children living, Bert, Ada and Retta, all married, one of their family being deceased. Enoch Steele was again married in 1868, his second wife being Phoebe Johnson, and the following children were born to them: Loda, born January 20, 1871, married William Glessner, June 17, 1891, lives in Creston and they have three children, Madge, Earl and Nelson; Delieu, born April 5, 1873, married Eva Critz, May 2, 1899, and they live in Sterling, Mr. Steele driving a mail route; they have no children; Lilly, who was born September 3, 1882, is still

living at home and is a great help to the old folks; Phoebe Steele married John Kindig and lived on a large farm in Guilford township, Medina county, Ohio; they have reared a large family, most of them living on farms in that county. Uncle John Kindig died October 12, 1898.

Edgar L., the second child of Enoch Steele, was born February 3, 1853, and was educated in the home schools. He took up farming and at one time he owned in Wayne and Medina counties three hundred and fifty-five acres of excellent farming land. In 1903 he left the home farm, located just west of Sterling and he has since resided in Seville, where he deals in livestock and farms a small place, which he owns there. He was married in 1872 to Elizabeth J. Lance, daughter of Abraham and Sarah Lance, and they became the parents of the following children: Wilson of this review, Arthur, Mary, William and Floyd. These children received a good educational training in the common schools at Sterling. In 1905, Wilson and his brother, Arthur, purchased the one hundred and sixty acres where they now live. It is the old Smith place, formerly owned by their father. They followed farming in partnership until 1909, when they divided the place, each now owning one-half. Wilson's eighty acres lie on the west side of the road and Arthur's on the east, just opposite. They have brought the old place up to a high standard of excellence, improved it in every way possible and it yields abundant harvests from year to year.

Wilson Steele was married January 20, 1900, to Linnie Coolman, daughter of George Coolman, of Guilford township, Medina county, and to them the following children have been born: Mida, born December 18, 1900; LaVonne, born November 30, 1902; and Merlyn, born August 25, 1904.

Wilson Steele is a Democrat in his political relations and he takes considerable interest in local politics. He very ably and creditably served for a period of three years as assessor of Milton township. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Arthur Steele was born July 30, 1875, and he has always followed farming, now owning the eighty acres adjoining that of his brother Wilson, mentioned above. He married in February, 1904, Laura Coolman, daughter of George Coolman, mentioned in a preceding paragraph. To Arthur Steele and wife the following children have been born: Ira, Fern and Alfreda. Arthur Steele is a Democrat and he, too, has been active in local affairs, having served as township assessor for two years.

Mary Steele was born November 8, 1877. She married Albert Shook and they make their home in Medina county, this state, and are the parents of three children, namely: Zuilla, Harold and Tressa.

William Steele, born October 31, 1879, was educated at the Sterling high school and he remained on the farm until his father went to Seville. He and his brother, Floyd, soon entered the butcher business in Seville, which they followed three years. In 1907 they returned to the home place and have since followed general farming there. William Steele was married to Edna Loehr on March 10, 1909, and he and his wife have one son, Ernest Dwight.

Floyd Steele was born November 4, 1885, and was educated in the Sterling high school. He married, April 1, 1908, Ada Blackburn, and they are the parents of one child, Viola.

The Steele family have long been connected with the United Brethren and Baptist churches, and they have been, most of them, Democrats for many generations. No family is better known in Wayne county or held in higher favor, for they all delight in keeping untarnished the good reputations established by the first Steeles who came to this locality.

AMOS BURKHOLDER.

We now come to a consideration of the more salient points in the life history of one of the representative agriculturists of Wayne county, one who stands forward as a native son of the county and a member of a sterling pioneer family. His name has ever been synonymous with upright manhood and good citizenship; he has given his influence and means to the betterment of society, to schools and church, to the support of good government and to the industries which have had an important bearing on the advancement of the prosperity and material upbuilding of the county.

Amos Burkholder was born on the old Burkholder homestead in section 20, Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, January 3, 1865, and is a son of Jonathan S. and Elizabeth (Smucker) Burkholder. The paternal grandparents were John and Barbara (Schrock) Burkholder, the former of whom was born in Switzerland in 1801. He came to the United States with an uncle in 1817 and located first in Pennsylvania, where he was employed on farms by the month for six years. In 1823 he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and located on what is now known as the old Burkholder farm. He was first employed by his uncle, Benjamin Schrock, whose daughter Barbara he married. They became the parents of four children, Jonathan, Jonas, Nancy and Sarah. Jonathan Burkholder was reared to manhood on the paternal homestead and on attaining mature years he married Elizabeth Smucker, to

which union were born nine children, Sarah, Anna, Caroline, Menno, Noah S., Simeon D., Amos J., Joseph and an infant that died unnamed.

Amos Burkholder was reared by his parents and as soon as old enough he took up his share of the manifold duties of the farm. During the winter seasons he attended the district schools and secured a fair education. At the age of twenty-one years he took up the operation of the home farm on the shares, and eventually he was enabled to buy a portion of the place, being now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of splendid and fertile land in Greene township. He is a wide-awake and up-to-date farmer and keeps in close touch with the latest ideas relating to the successful prosecution of the science of agriculture. Progressive in his tendency, he does not hesitate to adopt those methods which have been demonstrated to be better than former methods. Mr. Burkholder gives his personal attention to every detail of the farm work and has met with a gratifying degree of success. The property is well improved and is considered one of the good farms of the township.

On the 12th of February, 1898, Mr. Burkholder married Emma, the daughter of Rev. D. Z. Yoder, her birth having occurred in Wayne county, Ohio, December 1, 1872. The union has been a most congenial one and has been blessed in the birth of six children, namely: David F., born July 24, 1902; Glenn E., born August 18, 1903; Ora J., born June 26, 1905, died on the 29th of the same month; an infant, born October 8, 1906, and died on the 9th; Mary E., born March 30, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder and their children are all members of the Amish Mennonite church, to which they give an earnest and generous support. In matters political Mr. Burkholder assumes an independent attitude, though he is generally inclined to support the Democratic ticket. Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder are intelligent and progressive people and have traveled extensively, having spent some time in Virginia, Iowa, Missouri, Texas and Indiana. They are a genial and gracious couple in their relations with their friends and their home is the center of a large social circle, where the most gracious hospitality is ever in evidence.

JACOB C. SNURE.

One of the fine farm properties of Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, is that owned by Mr. Snure, who has been a resident of this county for seventy years, or continuously since his birth, and who is known as one of the progressive and successful business men of this section of the county, and as a



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citizen whose life has been dominated by high principles and a determination to achieve a success worthy of the name, so that he has not been denied the fullest measure of confidence and esteem. Such are the men who are particularly worthy of consideration in a publication of this nature, for they have been of the world's workers and have played well their assigned part in the making of history.

Jacob C. Snure was born in Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 1st day of April, 1839, and is a son of Levi and Hannah (Snyder) Snure. Levi Snure was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, in 1814. In very early youth death deprived him of his father and in 1835 he came to Wayne county, Ohio, with the maternal grandfather, Jacob Snyder, and family. The trip was made by wagon and they located on the road about one and a half miles north of the village of Moorland. This was in 1835 and Levi had married prior to the removal. He first located in East Union township, but a short time afterwards he went to Franklin township and began farming. Subsequently he moved to Holmes county, but eventually he returned to Wayne county and bought a farm, on which he resided until his death, which occurred in 1900. His wife had died in 1898, and their remains were interred in the cemetery at Wooster. They were members of the old Lutheran church, to which they gave an earnest and effectual support. In politics Levi Snure was a Republican and was active in local political matters, having served several terms as township assessor. They were the parents of the following children: Mary Ann, deceased; Julia is the widow of W. V. Knox and resides in East Union township; Jacob C. is the subject of this sketch; Henry, who married Mary Firestone, and lives at Fredericksburg, was a soldier in the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Elizabeth, who lives in Indiana, is married to James Vangilder; Susan is the wife of Michael Kauffman; George, who lives in Indiana, married a Miss Iseley; William lives on the Frederick road in Franklin township; Eliza Jane is the wife of Levi Geitgey, of Franklin township; John, deceased; two that died in infancy.

Jacob C. Snure was reared under the parental roof-tree and received his education in the district schools of the township. He was reared to the life of a farmer and has followed that occupation all his active years. He first took up operations on his own account on the old McClelland farm, but eventually he bought the fine farm in section 2 which he now owns. He is now practically retired from active work, though he still maintains a live interest in every detail of his business. He has always been progressive in his methods and made many permanent and substantial improvements on his property, which is numbered among the fine farms of the community.

Mr. Snure took unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Jane Ryno, who was born in Millbrook, Clinton township, Wayne county, Ohio, and to them have been born the following children: Charles, who lives at Rochester, Pennsylvania, married Catherine Copeland, and they have two children, John and Charles; Henry Vernon, of Franklin township, married Mary Metzler, and they have three children, Forest, Virgil and Viola, the two last named being twins; Rosella is the wife of William Newstetter, of Franklin township; Levi married Cora Rouch and they have two children, Helen and Walter; Wilbur, of Franklin township, married Millie James and to them has been born one child, Eveline, deceased.

In matters political, Mr. Snure has given his support to the Republican party and been actively interested in local public affairs, though he has not at any time been an aspirant for public office. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Snure are members of Methodist Episcopal church at Moorland, to which they give an earnest and generous support. Fraternally, he was a member of Given Post, No. 133, Grand Army of the Republic, at Wooster, this membership being particularly consonant from the fact that in 1864, when the fires of Southern rebellion were still burning fiercely, he volunteered his services and for one hundred days was a member of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was formerly active in the Grand Army of the Republic, but advancing years made it inconvenient for him to attend the meetings regularly and he has obtained a discharge. In every avenue of life's activities in which he has engaged, Mr. Snure has acted well his part and in no case has done anything which might forfeit the unbounded confidence of the community which he has so long enjoyed. His life has been controlled and governed by the highest principles and his support has ever been found on the right side of every movement calculated to advance the best interests of the community.

JONAS SMUCKER.

The gentleman to a review of whose career we now call the reader's attention is one of the representative citizens of Wayne county and one of the most substantial farmers of Greene township, having maintained his home in this locality practically all his life, nearly three score years, being a descendant of one of the early and influential families of this county. His birth occurred in the township and county mentioned above on June 1, 1840, and he is the son of David and Anna (Brant) Smucker, the former a native of Lancaster coun-

ty, Pennsylvania. He came to Wayne county, Ohio, when a young man with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Smucker, and they settled in section 16, Greene township, where they remained for some time, but later moved to Wayne township, and here the grandfather, Christian Smucker, spent the remainder of his life. David Smucker remained on the farm in Greene township and there married Anna Brant, whose parents came from Switzerland. To Mr. and Mrs. David Smucker eight children were born, one dying in infancy; John is deceased; Elizabeth, Sarah, Gideon, David, Nancy, Jonas and Catharine.

Jonas Smucker was reared in Greene township and here he worked on the home farm and attended the district schools during the winter months, receiving a fairly good common school education for those days. When he was twenty-one years of age he began life for himself, renting the old farm for a period of six years; having prospered, he purchased the same and is still living on it. It consisted originally of one hundred and sixty-six acres, but the total number of acres at present is one hundred and fifty. Although the land was first tilled many years ago, the Smuckers have been such careful farmers that they have not allowed the soil to grow thin, but on the contrary it has been strengthened and bounteous harvests are yet reaped from year to year. On it stand a good house, barn and fences, and general farming and stock raising are successfully carried on.

Mr. Smucker was married on January 14, 1864, to Sarah Yoder, a native of Greene township, having been born here on September 23, 1848, the daughter of Peter Yoder, a native of Pennsylvania, and a prosperous farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Smucker eleven children have been born, ten of whom are living, namely: Malinda, May 18, 1865; John, September 28, 1866; Adeline, October 23, 1868; Noah, April 3, 1871; Simon, September 25, 1873; Peter, September 4, 1875; Sarah is deceased; Mary, born March 21, 1880; Emanuel and Daniel (twins), born March 17, 1883; Ellen, born November 17, 1884. The mother of these children passed from earth in January, 1889, and on January 6, 1891, Mr. Smucker was married to Magdalena Yoder, who was born January 28, 1857, the daughter of Jacob Yoder. Her birth occurred in Mahoning county, Ohio, and she was reared in Michigan and went to school in that state. Five children were born to this union, namely: Fannie, March 8, 1892; Effie, October 12, 1893; Emma, born October 31, 1895; Lydia, March 31, 1898, died April 7, following; Katie, January 4, 1901.

Members of this family belong to the Amish Mennonite church. Mr. Smucker is an advocate of temperance and he votes the Prohibition ticket. He is an honorable and neighborly man, and has many friends.

ALBERT P. WALTER.

There may be found in almost all American communities quiet, retiring men, who never seek official preferment or appear prominently in public affairs, yet nevertheless exert a widely felt and beneficent influence in the community, helping to construct or solidify the foundation upon which the social or political world rests. Such a man is the honored subject of this review, and he has ever been found faithful to duty, under whatever aspect it has presented itself, never sacrificing integrity and honor to personal expediency and so living as to command unqualified confidence and esteem among those with whom he has come in contact in the various relations of life.

Albert P. Walter, who is the owner of a fine farm in East Union township, Wayne county, was born in Holmes county, this state, on October 26, 1868, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Stouff) Walter. These parents were both natives of France, where they were reared, educated and married, and from whose vine-clad hills they came to the United States in the hope of bettering their fortunes. They were poor in this world's goods when they arrived in the United States, but the father was energetic and honest and was enabled to save money. He was a tailor by trade and worked at that employment for a number of years here before sending back to France for his family. They first lived in Massillon, Ohio, and later in Fredericksburg, Wayne county. Mr. Walter then bought a little farm of ten acres in Holmes county, to which the family removed. The father was practical and energetic in his agricultural labors and at length was enabled to add to his possessions, buying additional land until at the time of his death he was the owner of eighty acres, which he had developed into a splendid farm. To him and his wife were born the following children: Joseph, Henry, Mary, Josephine, Adeline, J. A., Julius, Charles, Jane, Celia and Albert P. Of these, Joseph, Adeline, Charles and Mary are deceased.

Albert P. Walter was reared on the Holmes county farm and secured his education in the common schools of his home neighborhood. As soon as old enough he took a hand in the farm work and continued to assist his father until he was nineteen years of age, when he attended the Ohio State Normal University at Ada, with the idea of following the pedagogical profession. He was granted a license to teach and followed that occupation one term, at the end of which time he decided that agriculture offered the most promising returns and returned to that employment. He married about this time and during the following three years he and his wife lived on rented land in Holmes county. In 1896 they located on rented land in East Union township, where they remained three years, and then for the same length of time they were on



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rented land in Wayne township. In 1902 Mr. Walter bought eighty-two acres of fine land in section 17, township 16 north, range 12 west, and bought the east half in 1909. He rents it to a tenant, but will operate it. This one-fourth section is peculiar in that it has a public road clear around it, no other farm being so located in the township. He has improved and developed it until today it is considered one of the fine farms of the township. He started in his independent career with but little in the way of worldly goods, but by dint of persistent industry, wise management and rigid economy he has accumulated a handsome property and is on the fair road to affluence. He has made a number of permanent and substantial improvements on the place, the general appearance of which reflects great credit on the owner. Mr. Walter carries on a general line of farming, in connection with which he gives considerable attention to the breeding and raising of live stock, in which also he has been successful to a gratifying degree.

On the 5th of September, 1893, Mr. Walter was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Lucy E. Rouhier, who was born in Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio, May 1, 1872. She was reared on a farm and secured a good practical education in the common schools. She is a woman of many fine qualities and has proven to her husband a true helpmeet in the broadest sense of the word. They have become the parents of the following children: Mabel, born September 6, 1894; John, born February 24, 1896, and Lloyd, born May 2, 1899.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Walter are Catholics and hold their membership in the church of that faith at Wooster, to which society they give a generous support. In political faith Mr. Walter is a Democrat and takes an active interest in the success of his party. Though he does not aspire to public office of any nature, he was recently elected trustee of his township and in the discharge of his official duties he is giving eminent satisfaction.

As a man and citizen Mr. Walter is highly esteemed in the community and occupies a conspicuous place in the confidence of the public. He is a man of strong personality and represents a distinct type of the best American citizenship. He has always been interested in every enterprise for the general welfare of the community and liberally supports every calculated to benefit his fellow men.

DANIEL RAMSEYER.

There is no positive rule for achieving success, and yet in the life of the successful man there are always lessons which might well be followed. The man who gains prosperity is he who can see and utilize the opportunity that

came in his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly; and when one man passes another on the highway of life to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started out before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race. Today among the prominent citizens and successful men of Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, stands Daniel Ramseyer. The qualities of keen discrimination, sound judgment and executive ability enter very largely into his make-up and have been contributing elements to the material success which has come to him.

Daniel Ramseyer was born in Stark county, Ohio, on the 30th of July, 1853, and is a son of Peter and Barbara (Reich) Ramseyer. He is descended from sturdy Swiss ancestry, his grandfather on the paternal side, John Ramseyer, having been a native of that far-away republic from which has come such a desirable element into our national population. John Ramseyer was a poor man when he came to the United States, having to borrow part of the passage money. His son, the subject's father, afterwards helped to repay this debt. He landed in this country in 1834 and came at once to Stark county, Ohio, where he spent his remaining days. He never succeeded in accumulating much material property and died a comparatively poor man. He was the father of several children, all of whom were reared to lives of honesty and integrity. His son Peter was loyal to his parents and worked hard, contributing to their support out of his meager earnings. So closely did he stint himself that when he had attained manhood and married he was the possessor of but fifty cents in cash. After his marriage he worked for his father-in-law and, being a man of energy, sound judgment and wise economy, he managed to save some money. Subsequently he bought a small farm in the hills of Stark county, going into debt for most of the purchase price. Commencing with a yoke of oxen, he went manfully to work and succeeded in realizing a profit in his operations. Subsequently he sold this hilly land and in 1857 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land near Paris, Ohio, and on this farm he spent his remaining days. He prospered and added to his landed possessions from time to time as he was able and at the time of his death he owned four hundred and twelve acres of fine land and twelve thousand dollars in money. After he had gotten a fair start, he made money rapidly. He was shrewd and far-sighted and was not afraid to run chances, the outcome of his transactions proving the soundness of his judgment. He invariably sold his crops at the top of the market and in other ways showed the qualities of a keen business man. From boyhood he had been a member

of the Amish Mennonite church. He was the father of eleven children, namely: Jacob, John, Peter, Joseph, Catherine, Leah, Daniel, Mary, Lizz'e, Sarah and Amos. Of these, seven are yet living.

Daniel Ramseyer was reared on the paternal estate and assisted his father in the manifold duties of the farm. During his youth he attended the common schools and secured a fair education. His father, who had been denied the privilege of an education, was determined that his children should enjoy what had been denied to him. The subject was married at the age of twenty-two years and at that time his father gave him one thousand dollars with which to start him in life for himself. Daniel at once bought one hundred acres of land of his father, which he sold in a short time at a handsome profit, and during the following three years he was engaged in operating his father's farm of two hundred and three acres. In 1878 he moved to Wayne county, Ohio, and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres, where he now lives. At that time but little improvement had been made on the place, but in a short time, under the able management and wise direction of the subject, the place became known as one of the well-improved and profitable farms of the township. In 1890 Mr. Ramseyer erected a fine barn, ninety feet by forty-five feet in size, in which he can shelter thirty-two head of horses, besides a capacious hay loft and other convenient arrangements. He has added to his land holdings at different times and became the owner of three hundred and twenty-two acres of splendid and fertile land in Greene township, all of which is under the subject's personal supervision, excepting one hundred and eighteen acres which he sold to his son, A. C. Ramseyer. The land is estimated to be worth easily forty thousand dollars, and it is doubtful if that sum would induce Mr. Ramseyer to part with the place.

One of the principal features of Mr. Ramseyer's operations has been the feeding of horses, and in this line he is known far and wide. He handles the finest and purest-bred Norman horses and so well known has his stock become that they find instant sale as soon as they reach the eastern markets, and frequently buyers from those markets come to Mr. Ramseyer's farm to secure the horses they desire. Some of the animals sold by him have been the equal of any produced on this continent and they command fancy prices. Few better judges of horseflesh live than Mr. Ramseyer and his high ideal of a perfect horse has enabled him to maintain a high standard in his feeding, a fact duly appreciated and recognized by those who have had dealings with him. This feature of his business has been a source of considerable income,—indeed, Mr. Ramseyer has made a success of everything he has undertaken, being considered one of the most successful and progressive farmers and stockmen in Wayne county.

In 1875 Daniel Ramseyer married Rebecca Smiley, a native of the state of Indiana, and to them have been born the following children: Alvin C., born January 17, 1880, who is a graduate of the school at Goshen, has been twice married, first to Miss Yoder and second to Miss Schrock; Amanda, born January 8, 1883; Melvin, born January 8, 1886; Chauncey, born December 13, 1888; Mary, born April 22, 1892; Ward, born August 5, 1894. The family are all members of the Amish Mennonite church, to which they give an earnest and generous support. In politics Mr. Ramseyer is a Democrat, though he voted for William McKinley for President. He is keenly alive to the best interests of the community and gives his support to every movement that promises to benefit his fellow citizens. Genial in disposition and of sterling integrity of character, he has won a warm place in the hearts of all who know him, and he stands high in the estimation of the people of the community.

JOSEPH G. SANBORN.

It is an axiom demonstrated by all human experience that industry is the key to prosperity. Success comes not to him who idly waits for Fortune's favors, but to the faithful toiler who, with cheerful celerity and sleepless vigilance, takes advantage of every circumstance calculated to promote his interests. Such a man is Joseph G. Sanborn, secretary of the Wayne Building and Loan Company and a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Wooster, who within a comparatively brief period has advanced from an humble station in life to a proud position among the leading business men of a city long noted for the high order of its business talent. Mr. Sanborn is a native of Holmes county, Ohio, and one of a family of six children whose parents, Joseph Beverly and Mary Jane Sanborn, were both born and reared in the state of New Hampshire. The Sanborn family is of English stock, Lieut. John, William and Stephen Sanborn, three brothers, having come to America with their grandfather, Rev. Stephen Bachiler, in 1632, settling in Hampton, New Hampshire.

Joseph Beverly Sanborn, the subject's grandfather, was born in Deerfield, New Hampshire, July 4, 1762, and spent his life not far from the place of his birth. His son, Joseph B. Sanborn, the subject's father, came to Ohio in 1837, where for a number of years he was a successful teacher in the public schools. About 1849 he took up his residence in Loudonville, Ashland county, where he subsequently became deputy collector of internal revenue, and also

served a series of terms as justice of the peace. He was a fine type of the educated New England gentleman who stood high in the confidence of the public and his death, which occurred in the above town in 1882, was deeply mourned and profoundly regretted by his friends and fellow citizens.

Mary Jane Smith, wife of J. B. Sanborn, and daughter of Moses Levant Smith, was born in Merrimack county, New Hampshire, and spent her early life in the town of Meredith, where in due time she made the acquaintance of the gentleman who subsequently became her husband. Their marriage took place in the East and was blessed with six children, four of whom survive, namely: Mrs. Clara J. Winans, of Galion, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah L. Taylor, of Loudonville; Charles L., also a resident of that town, and Joseph G., whose name introduces this sketch. The mother of these children was called from earth in the month of March, 1870, and left to them the tender memory of a life lovingly and unselfishly devoted to their interests and welfare.

Joseph G. Sanborn, whose birth occurred on November 8, 1847, was two years old when his parents moved from Holmes county to Loudonville, where he spent his childhood and youth. He obtained his preliminary education in the district schools and later attended the academy of Loudonville until his sixteenth year, when he severed home ties and went to Ashland to learn the printer's trade. After serving a three-years apprenticeship and becoming not only a skillful typo but familiar with nearly every phase of the business, he was made foreman of the office of the *Ashland Times*, the official Republican organ of Ashland county and one of the leading local papers in the northern part of the state. Within a brief period he rose to the position of local editor and as such rendered efficient service to his employer, proving an energetic and untiring news gatherer and an interesting and attractive writer in preparing his items for publication.

Mr. Sanborn remained with the above paper six years, when he resigned and in 1870 came to Wooster to take a similar position with the *Wooster Republican*, of which Enos Foreman was then editor and proprietor. In August of the same year he and Captain McClure purchased the paper and assumed control of the same, Mr. Sanborn becoming business manager of the enterprise, besides doing a large part of the editorial work, a department originally intended for his associate.

During the fifteen years that Mr. Sanborn was connected with the *Republican* he not only made it one of the most popular and influential local sheets in northern Ohio, but secured a patronage which enabled him to build up a large and prosperous business. Coming to Wooster a stranger, with but meager capital, he addressed himself resolutely to the work of rendering his

paper acceptable to the public and it is needless to state that he succeeded in his laudable aim, as the enterprise grew from the beginning and in due time, as already indicated, became an influential factor in moulding public sentiment, also the source of liberal income. Assuming a large obligation in the purchase of the plant, he succeeded by judicious management in meeting the same and in the course of a few years the property was not only free from incumbrance and on a self-supporting basis, but, as stated above, the business was so conducted as to become very successful from a financial standpoint.

Disposing of his interest in the paper at the expiration of the period indicated, Mr. Sanborn took a few years of needed rest, during which time he recuperated his overwrought energies, regained his strength and was thus well fitted for the heavy and responsible duties upon which he subsequently entered. In March, 1899, he assisted in establishing the Wayne Building and Loan Company, from which date to the present time he has been the efficient secretary of the organization, the success of which is largely due to his judicious management and general oversight. The association has an authorized capital of one million dollars, with assets considerably in excess of one hundred thousand dollars and is one of the strongest and most popular organizations of the kind in the state. It is backed by some of the leading business men and financiers of Wooster and Wayne county and during the eleven years of its existence has proven of inestimable value to men of moderate means desirous of securing homes, also a safe means of investment for those with surplus capital at their disposal.

On the evening of Thanksgiving day, November 30, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sanborn and Kate E., daughter of the late Dr. S. F. Day, for many years one of Wooster's most distinguished physicians and surgeons. Mrs. Sanborn died February 6, 1903. She was a native of Wooster, received her educational training in the city schools, and was a most lovable and esteemed woman. Three children, Mrs. Henry D. Allen, Martha Virginia, and Lloyd Day, are residents of Wooster, the son being his father's able assistant in the office.

Mr. Sanborn is a Baptist in his religious belief and demonstrates his faith by his daily life and conversation. He is an active and influential member of the church in Wooster and has filled the office of treasurer and trustee for the organization and is now serving in the capacity of deacon.

In his relations with the public, Mr. Sanborn has ever been enterprising and progressive, giving his support to all measures that tend to advance his city and county and assisting every laudable means for the general good of his fellow men. He was one of the organizers of the Wooster Board of

Trade, and served for some time on the legislative committee of the same, besides contributing in many other ways to the success and perpetuity of the enterprise. Of high character and unimpeachable integrity, he has made his influence felt for good in the different stations to which called, and, a self-made man in all the term implies, he has just reason to be proud of his achievements and of the universal esteem in which he is held throughout the county of Wayne. Few citizens in this part of Ohio are so widely known, none occupy a more conspicuous place in the confidence of the public, and it is a compliment worthily bestowed to class him with the representative men of his day and generation in the city of his residence.

WILLIAM A. SOLLIDAY.

A man who has stamped the impress of his strong individuality upon the minds of the people of Clinton township, Wayne county, Ohio, in a manner as to render him one of the conspicuous characters of this locality is William A. Solliday, well known grocer of Shreve, in the development of which place he has ever been an important factor. Faithfulness to duty and a strict adherence to a fixed purpose, which always do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances, have been dominating factors in his life, which has been replete with honor and success worthily attained. He is known to be a man of strictly honest business principles, industrious, pleasant and agreeable.

Mr. Solliday was born in Plain township, this county, June 14, 1862, the son of John and Susanna (Sparr) Solliday, the father a successful farmer of that community. These parents were married in this county and have since made their home here, four children having been born to them, named as follows: Ida Mary, William A., Sidna G. and Lyman L.

William A. Solliday, of this review, was educated in the common schools of Plain township and Smithville. He applied himself very closely to his text books and when twenty-one years of age began teaching, having charge of the Strauss school in Plain township in 1884 and in 1885 he taught at the Maple Grove school in Plain township. But not taking as kindly to teaching as he had anticipated, he abandoned the same although he had a very good start in this line of endeavor, and, in 1886, following the tide of emigration then setting in to the comparatively new state of Kansas, he found himself at Kingman, where he engaged in farming and stock raising, meeting with fair

success in these enterprises. He returned to Wayne county, Ohio, and launched in the grocery business at Shreve, soon enjoying a good patronage, and he has continued in the same with increasing success, owning now one of the neatest and most popular stores in this section of the county, always carrying a fresh and carefully selected stock of goods, his place of business being the mecca of farmers from a wide range of territory.

Mr. Solliday has found time to mingle in politics and has aided in whatever way possible the advancement of his community. In 1907 he was elected clerk of the local school board, of which he was one of the most enthusiastic members. Politically he is a Democrat and in religious matters holds membership with the local Presbyterian congregation.

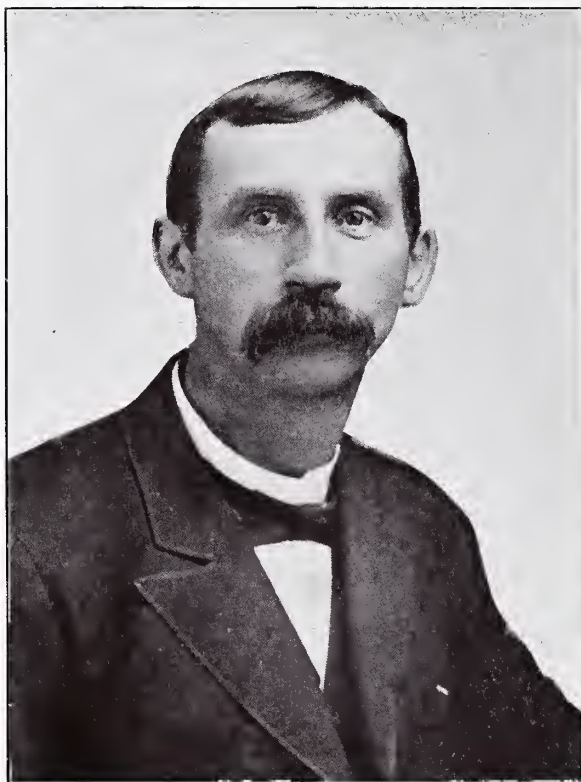
On December 28, 1887, Mr. Solliday married Agnes J. Lebo, daughter of Jonathan and Fiatta (Camp) Lebo, a highly respected family of Holmes county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Solliday are the parents of one daughter, Fern Geraldine, born in Kingman, Kansas, April 28, 1900. She is now attending school in Shreve, being in the third grade.

Fraternally, Mr. Solliday belongs to the Ancient Order United Woodmen in Kansas and the Maccabees.

JACOB A. MILLER.

The life history of him whose name introduces this review is closely identified with the history of Wayne county, which has been his home for many years. His business career was begun in this county, and throughout the years which have since come and gone he has been closely allied with its interests and upbuilding. His life has been one of untiring activity and has been crowned with a degree of success attained by comparatively few. He is of the highest type of business man, and none more than he deserves a fitting recognition among those whose enterprise and abilities have enabled them to climb the ladder of success and whose sterling qualities have been widely recognized in their native county.

Jacob A. Miller, who is now engaged in the operation of the old Miller homestead in section 20, Greene township, was born on this farm on the 7th of January, 1850. He was there reared and secured a fair education in the common schools of the locality. He assisted his father in the work of the farm until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life on his own account. He first engaged in the timber business, being principally employed in furnishing car timber for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad



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MRS. SARAH MILLER

Company, at which he continued about sixteen years. During the first part of this period he made his home in Seneca county, Ohio, and later at Defiance, Ohio. He was financially successful in the lumber business and at length was enabled to buy a splendid farm in Defiance county. While living there, he took a deep interest in local affairs and served several terms as trustee. In March, 1887, Mr. Miller retired from the lumber business and returned to his old home in Greene township, Wayne county, which he purchased. He entered at once on the operation of the place, which he has greatly improved and brought up to a high standard of excellence, it being now considered one of the best farms in the township. In addition to the cultivation of the soil, Mr. Miller also gives considerable attention to the raising of livestock, in which also he has achieved a distinctive success. The farm comprises one hundred and sixty-four acres and the present condition of the place indicates to the passer-by the fact that the owner is a man of good taste and wise discrimination. Everything about the place is kept in good shape and the farming operations are carried on under the most favorable conditions, a full line of up-to-date machinery and other convenient accessories being here found.

In local affairs affecting the community generally Mr. Miller has always been found among the enterprising and progressive leaders. He has been instrumental in securing mail routes and telephone service and in other ways has demonstrated his ability and sound judgment. His political affiliation is with the Republican party, to which he gives an earnest support, and he has efficiently served several terms as trustee of Greene township. As a member of the township school board, he has rendered appreciated service as supervisor of the educational system of the township, the schools of which are now considered as models for the rest of the county. He employs the teachers and in other ways maintains a personal oversight of the details of the schools. He is also president of the board of trustees of the Wayne County Children's Home, which is situated in Wayne township, and has been a member of this board for sixteen years. His appointment comes from the board of county commissioners and in his capacity of chairman of the board he practically manages the business affairs of the Home, though the entire board meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The members of this board, all of whom give their services without compensation, are Jacob A. Miller, president; John C. Shultz, Joseph A. Hurple, William Coon. W. E. Jarvis is superintendent of the Home and Mrs. Jarvis is matron. There are about forty-five inmates in the Home on an average, the institution being supported by an appropriation made by the board of county commissioners, the board of trustees filing a quarterly estimate of expenses. The Home farm comprises eighty-seven acres

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and at the time of Mr. Miller's appointment to the board in 1887 the institution was not being handled in such a manner as to even raise enough cereals and vegetables to keep the table supplied. Under his able direction, these conditions have been changed and now wheat, corn, potatoes and other vegetables, as also hogs and cattle, are raised in sufficient quantity and numbers to keep the commissary well supplied throughout the year. This changed condition is largely attributed to the efficient management of the present superintendent, Mr. Jarvis, whom Mr. Miller was mainly instrumental in having appointed to the position, and it is a matter of much satisfaction to the taxpayers of the county. In all his affairs Mr. Miller has shown himself to be a man of unusual broad mindedness and sound judgment, being well supplied with that quality commonly called "horse-sense." He has given liberally of his time to the public duties which have been imposed on him and his services have been fully appreciated by his fellow citizens.

On March 4, 1884, Jacob A. Miller was united in marriage to Sarah Pittenger, a daughter of Peter and Jane (Buchanan) Pittenger. Peter Pittenger was born in Harrison county, Ohio, on October 1, 1800, and his death occurred on February 9, 1854. His wife was born in Pennsylvania July 11, 1803, and at the age of three years was brought by her parents to Ohio. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pittenger lived in Carroll county, Ohio, where they entered upon a tract of wild and uncultivated woodland, which they in due time transformed into a fine and fertile farm. Their first buildings were of log, in accordance with the prevailing type of the day, but later these were replaced with fine frame buildings. Mrs. Pittenger died October 20, 1872. To this worthy couple were born ten children, namely: Samuel B., Mary, Margaret, John, Nancy, Joseph, Evan, Susannah, Abram and Sarah. Of these children, Sarah became the wife of the subject. She was born in Carroll county, on October 24, 1848, and received a good education in the common schools. She is related to William Pittenger, of Civil war fame, who stole a railway locomotive in the interest of the cause, and who was author of the widely-read book "Daring and Suffering." Mr. and Mrs. Miller became the parents of one child, Grace, born May 6, 1889, but suffered an irreparable loss in the death of their daughter in March, 1894, her death being the result of a gunshot wound inflicted accidentally by a playmate.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Miller are active members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, in which Mr. Miller is an indefatigable worker, as he is also in the Sunday school which he served many years as superintendent and in other important official positions.

Mr. Miller is a man of spotless integrity and never violates the confidence reposed in him in any of the relations of life, his word being considered literally as good as his bond. He has been indefatigable in his industry, has ever been animated by the highest principles and has been a valuable factor in the development and progress of the county, where he has so ordered his life as to gain and retain the unequivocal confidence and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

HARRY B. BERTOLETTE, M. D.

The present age is essentially utilitarian and the life of every successful man carries a lesson which, told in contemporary narrative, is productive of much good in shaping the destiny of others. There is, therefore, a due measure of satisfaction in presenting, even in brief resume, the life and achievements of such men, and in preparing the following history of the well known and successful physician whose name appears at the head of this sketch, it is with the hope that it may prove not only interesting and instructive, but also serve as an incentive to those who contemplate making the medical profession their life work, for it shows how a man, not especially favored by inherited wealth or encouraging environment, may forge to the front and not only succeed in the material things of this life but also be of inestimable service to his fellow men.

Dr. Harry B. Bertollette is a native of the community where he has elected to spend his life, believing that better opportunities were to be found right at his own door than in seeking uncertain fortune in some strange locality. He was born at Shreve, Clinton township, Wayne county, Ohio, July 13, 1867, the son of William John and Catherine A. (Greenwalt) Bertollette, the father a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, the mother having been born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, each representing excellent old families, highly honored in their respective communities.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bertollette, named as follows: Frank, Edgar, and Harry B., of this review. Believing in giving their children every advantage possible, especially in the way of education, they placed Harry B. in the local schools as soon as he was old enough to attend and he proved to be a very ambitious student, making rapid progress, passing through the high school at Shreve at an early age, and, being desirous of gaining a higher text-book training, he entered the University of Wooster, where he made a good record, after which he began the study of medicine in

the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his degree in 1892. In the same year he began practicing his profession at Shreve, which he has continued with increasing success, building up a very satisfactory practice with the town and surrounding community, having met with uninterrupted success and won the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come into contact. He has proved that he is well grounded in the science of medicine and is a man of excellent natural abilities required for success in the medical profession.

Politically the Doctor is a Republican, and he is a member of the board of pension commissioners, rendering very acceptable services on the same. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, in which he has taken several degrees. Mrs. Bertollette is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Doctor Bertollette was married on May 4, 1892, to Jessie M. Carl, a daughter of Alexander and Anna (Aylesworth) Carl, a highly respected and influential family of Clinton township. Dr. and Mrs. Bertollette are pleasant people to know and have hosts of friends throughout the county.

HENRY JENNINGS.

The history of Wayne county is not a very old one. It is the record of the steady growth of a community planted in the wilderness within the last century and has reached its magnitude of today without other aids than those of industry. The people who redeemed its wilderness fastnesses were strong-armed, hardy sons of the soil who hesitated at no difficulty and for whom hardships had but little to appall. The earliest pioneers, having blazed the path of civilization to this part of the state, finished their labors and passed from the scene, leaving the country to the possession of their descendants and to others who came at a later period and builded on the foundation which they laid so broad and deep. Among these is the prominent farmer and enterprising citizen by whose name this article is introduced. He was born here and grew to the years of young manhood in the formative period and has done much to develop and advertise to the world the wonderful resources of a county that now occupies a proud position among the most progressive and enlightened sections of Ohio.

Henry Jennings, who is the owner of a fine and fertile farm in Saltcreek township, near Fredericksburg, was born on the farm on which he now resides, his natal day having been the 9th of November, 1830. His parents were Jacob and Nancy (Fisher) (Crozier) Jennings. Jacob Jennings was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1796, and in 1827 he came to Wayne county.



MR. AND MRS. HENRY JENNINGS

Ohio, where his father had entered two quarter sections of land in section 8. The country was practically unsettled, a few settlers' cabins being scattered here and there in the midst of the dense forest which covered the country, and to create a home in this section of the state in that early day meant a vast amount of the hardest kind of labor and the undergoing of many trials and privations that we of the present day cannot appreciate. Added to the natural conditions, was the presence of wild animals in large numbers, some of whom were ferocious and would not hesitate to attack man as well as animals. The entry into and settlement of the country under such conditions required a high degree of courage and the country owes a debt of gratitude to these sturdy pioneers who strove persistently and with might and main to conquer apparently unsurmountable obstacles and who, succeeding, made possible the grand and wonderful civilization which today characterizes this same section. The subject's father, Jacob Jennings, and his brother David came together from Pennsylvania for the purpose of creating new homes and they succeeded far beyond their fondest dreams. Henry Jennings was a weaver and in connection with his farming operations he ran a loom in his home. The subject's mother was also a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, having been born near Smithfield, and by her union with Jacob Jennings she became the mother of three children, John Crozier, who died at the age of five years, Henry the subject of this sketch, and Jane, who became the wife of a Mr. Knox and lives in Fredericksburg. Jacob Jennings was a Republican in his political views, and was an active worker for his party, though he never accepted public office of any nature. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and was a faithful Christian, being a strong advocate of temperance. He died at the age of seventy-two years and his wife at the age of seventy-five years.

Henry Jennings, the immediate subject of this sketch, received his education in the district school at Nebo, Saltcreek township, having first attended the subscription schools. He was reared on the parental homestead and has never lived elsewhere. He has devoted all the active years of his life to the pursuit of agriculture and has not been denied a commensurate return for the labor expended during these years. He has carried on general farming, having raised all the crops common to this section of the country, and his property has been kept up to the highest standard of excellence. The farm buildings are commodious and well-arranged and the general appearance of the place indicates Mr. Jennings to be a man of good judgment and excellent taste.

On the 14th of October, 1858, Mr. Jennings took unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Margaret Jane Patrick, a daughter of Thomas Patrick, her parents being natives of Wayne county, Ohio, and her grandparents of

Pennsylvania. She was born here July 1, 1839, on land which her grandparents had entered from the government. To Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have been born twelve children, who are briefly mentioned as follows: Elizabeth is the wife of Robert Cook, of Toledo, Ohio, and they have three children; J. B., of Fredericksburg, this county, married Laura Ellen Cook and they are the parents of three children; Jennie, who now lives with her father, is the widow of Royal Williams, who met his death in a railroad accident; James Martin, of Wooster, married Hildah Lawrence and they have two children; Sarah is the wife of George Krouse, of Toledo, and they are the parents of two children; William H., of this county, married Maud Force and they have one child; Laura, now deceased, was the wife of John Harrison, by whom she had two children, one of whom is deceased; John C., of Saltcreek township, married Daisy Johnson, and they are the parents of two children; Unice is the wife of Prof. Ira Amiet, of Wooster, and they have two children; three children died in infancy.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are members of the Presbyterian church at Fredericksburg, to which they give an earnest support. In politics Mr. Jennings has assumed an independent attitude, voting for the man rather than the party. He and his wife were formerly identified with the Patrons of Husbandry, but are not now allied with any secret order. Mr. Jennings is widely known as one of the progressive and successful business men of this section of the county and as a citizen whose life has been dominated by high principles and a determination to achieve a success worthy of the name, so that he has not been denied the fullest measure of confidence and esteem. An old gentleman of kindly manner and friendly feelings toward all, he has a host of warm personal friends.

DANIEL L. RUDY.

One of the substantial as well as one of the most experienced and skillful farmers of Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, is Daniel L. Rudy, who has spent the major part of his long and eminently useful and active life within the borders of this county, although he is a Buckeye by adoption only, having been born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1834, the son of Christian and Barbara (Myers) Rudy, the former born in 1790 and the latter in 1795. When Daniel L. was seven weeks old his parents migrated overland to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled in Sugar Creek township in section 3, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in one tract, also sixty

acres south of his first purchase. Christopher Rudy lived on the farm where he settled until his death, on July 13, 1875, his wife having preceded him to the silent land October 5, 1858. Mr. Rudy was an honest, unassuming man, a member of the Mennonite church. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, five of whom are living in 1910, namely: David; Mrs. Horner, living in Illinois; Mrs. Snavelly, living in Sugar Creek township, this county; Mrs. Barbara Buckwalter, of Trumbull, Ohio; Daniel L., of this review.

Daniel L. Rudy has had the happy opportunity of spending his life on the home place, living now on the same farm where he grew up from babyhood. He began assisting his father clear and develop the place when he was old enough to work in the fields. He attended the neighboring schools during the winter months and received a good common school education. When seventeen years of age he quit school and gave his entire attention to the farm. He was married December 31, 1857, to Esther Buckwalter, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1836, the daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Hartman) Buckwalter, both natives of Pennsylvania, having come to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1850. She was reared in Baughman township and received a common school education, principally in Pennsylvania.

After his marriage Mr. Rudy located on the old home place, which he has continued to develop until it ranks with the best improved and most productive farms of the township. He erected a substantial and attractive brick house in 1874, also a large barn. His farm now consists of one hundred and fifty-five acres. He has prospered by reason of his excellent management, and besides retaining his home place he has given each of his children an excellent start in life—equivalent to eighty acres of land. Fortune has favored his family not only in material things but in other ways, but little sickness ever having befallen them, although Mrs. Rudy has been blind for a period of twenty-two years; but she is of a cheerful and happy disposition and a woman of gracious personality.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy are the parents of the following children: Barbara A., born October 5, 1858, is the wife of E. H. Wenger; Jacob, who was born November 7, 1859, married Mary Horst; Albert, who was born November 18, 1860, married Margaret Saurer; Christ, born May 23, 1862, married Catherine Sprankle; Clara M., born June 5, 1866, is the wife of Jacob Steele.

Members of this family belong to the Mennonite church. In politics Mr. Rudy is a Republican, but not an office seeker, having always found enough at home to keep him busy. This family is one of the best known and most highly respected in the eastern part of Wayne county.

ALLEN BROWN.

One of the fine farm properties of Saltcreek and East Union townships, Wayne county, Ohio, is that owned by Allen Brown, who has here maintained his home for over three score and ten years and who is known as one of the progressive and successful business men of this section of the state, and as a citizen whose life has been dominated by high principles and a determination to achieve a success worthy of the name, so that he has not been denied the fullest measure of confidence and esteem. Such are the men who are particularly worthy of consideration in a publication of this nature, for though they have not stood in the great white light of publicity, they have been of the world's workers and have played well their assigned part in the making of history.

The family history of Allen Brown, on the paternal side, is traced back to his grandfather, Caleb Brown, who was one of the earliest settlers in Wayne county, having entered government land in section 9, Saltcreek township, in 1816. He always followed farming and became prominent in the county's early history. He was the father of seven children, five sons and two daughters, and all the sons attained to prominence in the county. The names of the children were Elizabeth, John, Bealy, Noah, Robert, Samuel and Sarah. Of these, Samuel, the subject's father, was born in 1800 in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and when he was sixteen years old he was brought by his parents to Wayne county, where he lived continuously until his death, which occurred in 1882. He had received a fair education in the schools of his native state and when he came to the new Ohio home his attention and energy were directed to the task of clearing the land and rendering it fit for cultivation, a task of considerable magnitude. He remained at home until his marriage, at which time he located where the subject of this sketch now lives, his home at that time being in the midst of a dense forest. He was at that time the possessor of the magnificent sum of fifty cents, which comprised his total cash capital, but, nothing daunted, he went bravely to work to carve out a fortune. He was a great worker and, despite some severe losses and other drawbacks, he eventually succeeded in accumulating a handsome property. He was an active worker in the interest of the Democratic party and was a persistent and skillful debater on political questions. He was not an office seeker, however, though he did serve one term as constable. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and active in the work of the society, being one of the most prominent men in his church. From boyhood he was a licensed exhorter and class leader. He, with the assistance of the Armstrongs, founded the Methodist Episcopal church at Fredericksburg and always gave that society



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an earnest and liberal support. In addition to agriculture, he was a lover of horses, being considered one of the best judges of horseflesh in the county, and he dealt very extensively in them. He married Sarah Armstrong, whose parents were natives of Ireland, and she was born on the Atlantic ocean while they were en route to the United States in one of the old-fashioned slow-going sailing vessels. The Armstrong family was one of the first to settle in this part of Wayne county. To Samuel and Sarah Brown nine children were born, namely: Jane, who is the wife of Mr. Bartol, of Wooster, Ohio; Robert, Elizabeth, Christine, John, Rachael and Margaret are deceased; Allen, the subject of this sketch; Whiteman, deceased.

Allen Brown was reared on the paternal homestead and secured his education in the old district schools of the county, though he was enabled to attend school nearer home than his older brothers and sisters had done, they being compelled to go to the neighborhood of Maysville, where the nearest school was located. Mr. Brown remained with his parents and when old enough he gave unmistakable evidence of that progressive spirit which marks his subsequent life, going into the threshing business and buying one of the first horse-power machines in this section of the country. He has spent his entire life in the pursuit of agriculture and in this line he has been successful to a gratifying degree. He is now the owner of two hundred and forty-six acres of fine land, one hundred and sixty acres being located in Saltcreek township and eighty-six acres in East Union township. The land is well improved and is maintained in the best possible condition, and on it Mr. Brown raises all the crops common to this section of the country. When about fifty years old, Mr. Brown went into the horse business and as a further evidence of his progressive spirit he determined to start right and accordingly he sent to Belgium and imported two of the finest stallions ever seen in this part of the county, one being a Clyde and the other a Norman. He was the pioneer heavy-horse breeder here and soon acquired a reputation as a successful and practical horse man. About twenty years ago he decided to advertise his horses by giving an exhibition of their colts, which was held at his farm. It was the most successful affair of the kind ever held in the county and at that time was the first affair of the kind ever held here. Mr. Brown had a brass band hired for the occasion and food of all kinds in abundance was provided that the guests might be made as comfortable as possible, and in addition to the exhibition of the horses and colts there were a number of speeches by prominent men. The affair was a decided success and gave Mr. Brown and his horses an advertisement that they could have secured in no other way. Mr. Brown carried on the horse business a number of years, but since losing the sight of his right eye he has practically retired from active labor and is living practically retired.

In politics Mr. Brown has always been a Democrat and supports that ticket on national elections, but in local elections he is independent, believing that the personal fitness of the candidates should be considered regardless of party lines. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Apple Creek, to which he gives an earnest and generous support.

On the 22d of February, 1866, Mr. Brown was married to Emily Musser, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Musser, natives of Switzerland and early settlers here, Mrs. Brown having been born March 17, 1841, on what is now the Crosby farm. To this union have been born five children, namely: William C., at home; Louis, who is in the plumbing business at Loraine, Ohio, married Sophia Hofacre, and they have three children, Bessie, Nellie and Leonard; Anna, a twin of Louis, is the wife of L. C. Huguelet, of Akron, Ohio, and they have two children, Lyman and Grace; Mina became the wife of James Graber, of near Mount Eaton, this county, and they have one child, Harlan; Rosa became the wife of Lyman Critchfield, Jr., of Wooster, and they are the parents of three children, Robert, Henry and Dorothy. William C., who remains at home with his parents, and who has assumed the burden of looking after the farm, is an enterprising and progressive man and has evinced qualities which stamp him as a man of unusual calibre. He has received a good education and is a man of decided literary tastes, and has given effective and appreciated service at various times as the local correspondent for the Orrville and Wooster papers. He is a successful hog raiser and his up-to-date hog barn is well arranged and is equipped with a feed grinder, run by a gasoline engine, which has proven a great convenience, much corn being ground here for the neighboring farmers as well. Mr. Brown is unmarried and devotes himself to the best interests of his parents, to whom he is devoted. He is a lover of the home life and is a close and critical reader of the best literature. Because of his sterling qualities of character he enjoys the high regard and the unbounded confidence of all who know him, his friends being in number as his acquaintances.

JOHN W. BUCHANAN, M. D.

"We build the ladder by which we rise" is a truth which is certainly applicable in the case of the subject of this sketch. He is a type of the progressive spirit of the age,—a spirit which has given America pre-eminence along its various business lines,—and the undaunted enterprise, indomitable

perseverance and resolute purpose which have characterized his career have been the means of raising him to a position of eminence in the business world. In the past ages the history of a country was comprised chiefly in the record of its wars and conquests. Today history is largely a record of commercial activity and those whose names are foremost in the annals of the nation are those who have become leaders in business circles. The conquests now made are those of mind over matter and the victor is he who can most successfully establish, control and operate commercial interests. Mr. Buchanan is unquestionably one of the strongest and most influential men whose lives have become an essential part of the history of Wayne county. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time are the chief characteristics of the man. These, combined with everyday common sense and guided by a strong will power, are concomitants which will insure success in any undertaking.

John W. Buchanan is a native son of Wayne county, Ohio, his birth having occurred in Chester township on the 27th of September, 1860. His father, George R. Buchanan, also was a native of Wayne county, Ohio, his birth occurring in Wayne township in 1823. His death occurred on the 20th of March, 1904, at the age of eighty-one years. In his youth, George Buchanan had received a good common school education and on attaining mature years he engaged in teaching school during the winter months, while in summer he labored on the farm. In 1849 he yielded to the allurements of the California gold fields and spent three years in that state. He was successful in his search for the precious metal and was enabled to bring back to the East several thousand dollars. He then entered the mercantile business at Jeromeville, Ashland county, this state, but a short time afterwards he returned to his native county and assumed charge of the home farm, remaining there until his death. He had added to the home farm from time to time and at the time of his death was the owner of extensive landed interests. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and in his life he exemplified the religion which he professed. He was a man who exerted a wide and beneficial influence in the community, holding the unbounded confidence of all who knew him. He was twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Mary Dunham, and she died at Jeromeville, their only child having died at birth. On December 22, 1857, Mr. Buchanan married Lydia Firestone, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Firestone, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where they both died. To this union were born seven children, namely: Franklin, Sidney, Ira, all of whom are deceased; John W., the subject of this sketch; Cynthia; Alice, the wife of Harvey L. Piper; Mary E. and Edward.

John W. Buchanan was reared by his parents on the home farm. In young manhood he attended the district schools of the neighborhood during the winter seasons, while in summers he assisted in the manifold duties of the farm. Subsequently he spent two and a half years at Wooster University, when, having definitely decided to make the practice of medicine his life work, he entered the Cleveland Medical College and later the Ohio Medical College. He eventually matriculated in the Kentucky School of Medicine, where he was graduated on June 2, 1882, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He immediately entered upon the active practice of his profession at Lodi, Ohio, but remained there but a short time, removing to Mansfield, Ohio. In October, 1884, he finally located at Smithville, where he continued in the practice of the healing art, meeting with the most gratifying success. He continued actively in the practice until within a few years, when his extensive business interests compelled him to retire from the active practice. The Doctor while in the practice stood admittedly in the front rank of Wayne county's distinguished professional men, possessing a thoroughly disciplined mind and keeping in close touch with the trend of modern thought relating to the noble calling to which his life and energies were devoted. He ever maintained his high standing, never descending beneath the dignity of his profession nor compromising his usefulness by countenancing any but noble and legitimate practice. The apparent ease with which he mounted to a commanding position in the healing art marked him as the possessor of talents beyond the majority of his professional brethren and, being a close and critical student, he experienced no difficulty in sustaining the high reputation which his professional abilities and marked success earned for him.

Doctor Buchanan and wife are the owners of seven hundred and fifty acres of land in Wayne county, Ohio, besides large holdings of land in Florida and Georgia, which is rapidly increasing in value. He is a stockholder, a member of the board of directors and vice-president of the Uncle Sam Oil Company, a powerful and successful corporation, which is capitalized at sixty-one millions of dollars and operating in Kansas and the Indian Reserve, where it owns hundreds of producing wells, besides miles of pipe lines and many refineries. This company is officered as follows: President, J. W. Tucker; vice-president, J. W. Buchanan; secretary, H. H. Tucker; treasurer, Frank Goble. The Doctor is also a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the United Steel Plant, of Canton, Ohio, which is capitalized at one and a half millions. The Doctor is also interested in a number of other enterprises and his time is fully taken up with his business interests.

On the 14th of October, 1882, Doctor Buchanan was united in marriage to Lizzie I. Staman, who was born in Mansfield, Ohio, November 18, 1865, a daughter of Henry N. and Susan A. Staman. Henry Staman was a man of splendid education and fine personal qualities and was a teacher of wide experience and eminent success. He is now deceased and his widow is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Buchanan. To Doctor and Mrs. Buchanan have been born the following children: Clarence Staman, born February 28, 1884, married Arleen Curtis, of Denver, Colorado, April 19, 1908; John Arthur, born April 11, 1887; Daisy M., born September 26, 1889; Mary A., born December 20, 1892; Walter Firestone, born September 8, 1899.

Fraternally Doctor Buchanan is a member of Smithville Lodge, Knights of Pythias, while in his political belief he is an ardent believer in the doctrines of the Republican party and he takes an active interest in the success of his party, though he is not in any sense a seeker after public office or preferment of any nature.

In the lives of such men as Doctor Buchanan there is particular justification for works of this nature—not only because their lives are such as to gain them a wide reputation and the admiration of their fellow men, but that they have been true to their opportunities and have shown such attributes of character as entitle them to the regard of all, and have been useful in their spheres of action. In the midst of the thronging demands of a busy life the Doctor is always approachable, being gracious in his association with his fellow men and enjoying a personal popularity which is a natural result of his characteristics. Mrs. Buchanan is a woman of many estimable qualities and kindly manner and is well liked in the social circles in which she moves.

LABAN FUNK.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is an uncle of W. D. Funk, whose biography appears on another page of this work, and who is a member of a well known old family. Laban Funk was born in Plain township, Wayne county, August 24, 1845, the son of Hugh and E. K. (Cornell) Funk, the former born near Kingston, Virginia, and the latter born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in 1809. The subject's paternal grandparents were Jacob and Percella (Morgan) Funk, who, in 1812, came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled a half mile south of Shreve, where they entered a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, Mr. Funk having cleared much of the land.

He was drafted to serve on Perry's fleet on the Great Lakes during the war of 1812. The paternal grandfather, Isaac Cornell, was a native of New Jersey, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, about 1816 and settled near Shreve. He, too, had the distinction of serving on Perry's fleet. After the close of the war he returned to his farm here and lived to be eighty-four years of age. However, he moved from Wayne to Crawford county, Ohio, and in 1834 he moved to Porter county, Indiana, being the first white settler in the southern part of that county, which was then the home of the red men. He lived there until his death, owning at that time five hundred and twenty acres. Hugh Funk was ten years of age when he came to Wayne county, having driven a herd of sheep and cows from Virginia. On this arduous journey, his mother rode horseback, carrying a baby. Hugh's education was very limited, but he became a shrewd business man. He settled where the subject now lives in Plain township in 1834, having cleared most of the place. He was among the first men in the locality to become a Republican, and although he took an active part in party affairs, he never desired public office. In his family were seven children.

Laban Funk, subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools and he has always followed farming. His parents were the pioneers of the Christians in Plain township, having been converted under the ministry of the noted Alexander Campbell. They were charter members of three different congregations.

In 1877 Laban Funk moved to Porter county, Indiana, but returned here in 1903. He was married in 1876 to Elizabeth Bair and the following children have been born to them: Effie, living in Washington, D. C.; Carson, living in Wisconsin; Corwin, deceased; Elizabeth and Zola, both living in Indiana; Lyda Loos died in early childhood.

Politically Mr. Funk is a Republican, and he has also worked in the temperance cause.

JAMES A. YARGER.

It is interesting to study the career of such a man as J. A. Yarger, who has succeeded in the material affairs of this life not because he was the child of inherited fortune or that some one has helped him, but because he has diligently applied his energies in the proper channels. He is a native of Carroll county, Ohio, where he was born February 22, 1874, the son of John H. and Catherine A. Yarger. He lived on the home farm until he was fifteen

years of age. He received his education in the common schools, and began his business career by learning the milling trade. When sixteen years of age, being ambitious to advance himself, he attended night school and received a very serviceable education. While an apprentice in the milling business he served three years for ten dollars per month, the last year receiving twenty-five dollars. He was very adept in this line of work and was given a position in some of the best mills of the county, while yet a mere boy holding the responsible position of head miller, and he has ever since held important posts in many large mills, his services being in great demand owing to his skill and thorough knowledge of this line and his faithfulness to duty. He was in Janesville, Wisconsin, for four years, having been connected with the Blodgett Milling Company, in which he was a stockholder. For a short time he was with the Eckhart & Swan Milling Company of Chicago, also the Burger-Anderson Company's mill and with the Hardesty Brothers at Canal Dover for about two years. He traveled on the road selling flour and other mill products. In the spring of 1908 he purchased the Sellers mill at Dalton, Wayne county, Ohio, which he has repaired by painting and general overhauling until he has now one of the best mills in the county, well equipped for turning out high-grade flour and other products and the mill is very popular in the eastern part of the county. It has a capacity of eighty barrels per day. Recently this mill has been consolidated with another one at Dalton and Mr. Yarger is treasurer and manager of the new concern. Mr. Yarger also owns one-half interest in the Canton (Ohio) Hay and Grain Company, which is doing a good business. He is the owner of a splendid residence property in Canton, and he is interested in the Dalton Driving Park Association in his home city. He has been very successful in whatever he has been interested. Also he is a director and manager of the Noble Oil and Gas Company, of Canton, Ohio.

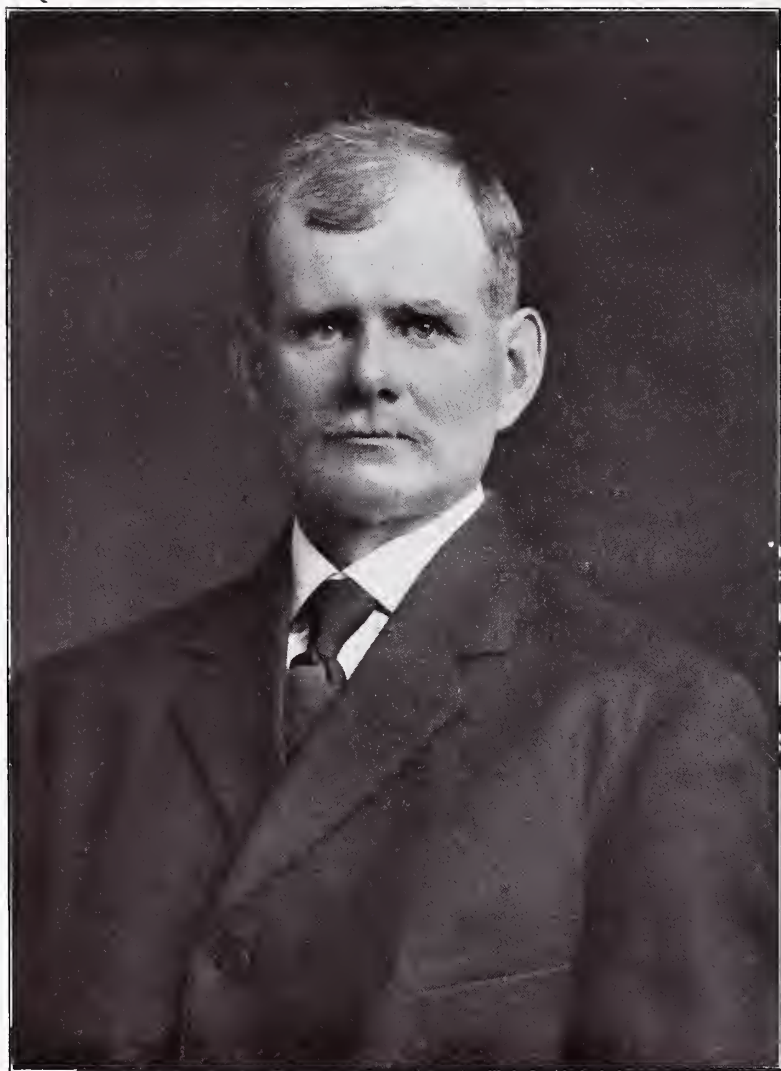
Mr. Yarger was married to Arma Amendt, a native of Medina county, this state, where she was born in 1875 and where her family has long been prominent. To this union two children have been born, William F., March 3, 1894, and Ethylene, December 12, 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarger are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, also members of the Bible class and the Sunday school. Mr. Yarger is a member of the State Millers' Association and the Illinois Traveling Men's Association. Politically he is a Republican, but independent in local affairs. He has won a reputation wherever he has been for fairness and honorable dealing with his fellow men in every respect. He is a good mixer and well liked by all who know him for his industry and excellent personal traits.

JAMES CUTTER SCOTT.

Another of the native sons of the Buckeye state who has here passed his entire life and by his energy, integrity and progressive methods attained a high degree of success, is Mr. Scott, whose farm homestead of one hundred and sixty-four acres lies in section 23, about four miles east of the town of Fredericksburg. He is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the state, since his grandfather was one of the earliest settlers in this section of the state, and that he has attained his prosperity by worthy means is evident from the unqualified esteem in which he is held in the community where the greater portion of his life has been passed.

James C. Scott was born on the 10th of November, 1862, in Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio, and is a son of William and Charity (Cutter) Scott. William Scott was born in Franklin township, Wayne county, January 12, 1837, and was the son of James Scott, who was one of the earliest pioneers of this county. He was a farmer and was a man of splendid standing among those who knew him. William Scott secured a limited education in the subscription schools of that early day, but he was a close observer of men and things and was generally considered a very well-informed man. He was possessed of those sterling qualities of character which make a man of force in a community and his support and influence were always given to those movements which promised to benefit the community in which he lived. He remained with his parents, assisting in the labors of the farm, until his marriage, which occurred in 1861, when he located on the farm which is now operated by the subject of this sketch, where he remained until about seven years prior to his death. He there made many permanent and substantial improvements and was regarded as an energetic and progressive agriculturist. He also owned an interest in what was known as the Scott & Munson mill at Apple Creek, and his death occurred suddenly while at work in this mill on April 27, 1897. He was not much of a politician, but was well known throughout the county, having for a number of years been heavily engaged in the buying and selling of stock, his business taking him to all parts of the county. In religion he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his life was consistent with his profession. He was domestic in his tastes and cared little for social life away from home, consequently never joined any fraternity. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Charity Cutter, was born in Franklin township, Wayne county, and there she spent her early life. Her parents, who also were early settlers of that locality, had the following children: Jane C. and Laura E., who married a Mr. Gabriel. The mother of these children died on the 22d



James C. Scott



Ellen M. Scott

of March, 1869, and subsequently Mr. Scott married Mary L. Burbridge, who is now living at Fredericksburg. To this union were born five children, namely: Ida May, who died in infancy; Burton R., of Saltcreek township, this county; Elmer Ray, deceased; Victor, of Fredericksburg; Herschell, who is a resident of California.

The subject of this sketch was reared to the life of a farmer and secured his early education in the district schools of the neighborhood. He remained at home until he had reached the age of twenty-three years, when he was married and started out in life for himself. He is the owner of one of the fine farms of the township, in which he takes a justifiable pride, as the place has been brought up to and maintained at its present high standard of agricultural excellence through his persistent efforts. He is progressive in his methods, keeping in close touch with the latest advances in the science of agriculture, and he has been rewarded with very gratifying results in his operations. His buildings, fences, machinery and other accessories all indicate the owner to be a man of sound judgment and wise discrimination and he is held in high esteem because of the results which he has attained. He conducts farming along general lines, raising all the crops common to this section of the country and also gives some attention to the raising of livestock.

In 1886 Mr. Scott took unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Ella M. Stauffer, who was born in Saltcreek township, this county, September 2, 1865. Her father, John Stauffer, was a native of Germany, and came to the United States in his youth, becoming one of the early settlers of Wayne county. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott the following children have been born: Lenora, aged twenty-one years; Orpha, aged nineteen; Stella, aged seventeen; Minnie, aged fifteen; Lloyd, aged twelve; Reva, aged ten; Mabel, aged eight; Mildred, aged three. Their first born died in infancy.

Mr. Scott has been progressive and public spirited and has for a good many years run a threshing machine in season, being well known in this capacity throughout the county. In many other ways he shows his enterprising spirit and any movement looking to the improvement of the community in any way receives his endorsement and support. He has taken a live and commendable interest in local public affairs and during the past six years he has been rendering efficient service as trustee of the township. He is an ardent supporter of the Democratic ticket and is one of the leaders of the party in the county. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith he was reared, the members of his family also being members of this society. Because of his genial disposition and fine personal qualities, he has won and retains a host of warm personal friends.

GEORGE C. BIDLE.

The general public has ever taken great pleasure in tracing the history of a man who started on life's career handicapped in many ways, but who, notwithstanding innumerable obstacles, pushed forward manfully and finally reached the goal of success set before him. The career of the widely known and public-spirited citizen whose name appears above affords an impressive example of what energy, directed and controlled by correct moral principles, can accomplish in overcoming an unfavorable environment and lifting its possessor from a comparatively humble origin to a position of usefulness and comparative affluence. Mr. Bidle is too well known in East Union township to need an elaborate formal introduction. Eminently a self-made man, having carved his own way in the world, and honestly earning every dollar in his possession, he ranks with the most enterprising and successful of his compeers and has won a name and reputation which place him among the representative citizens of his native county.

George C. Bidle traces his ancestral line to Philip Bidle, who was a native of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, where he was reared and married. In 1852 he brought his family to the United States, the slow-going sailing vessel on which they took passage requiring fifty-two days to cross the Atlantic. The family located in Stark county, Ohio, where the father was employed at day labor. He eventually acquired a small piece of land, but never succeeded in getting much ahead financially. He was the father of eight children, six daughters and two sons. Of these, all the daughters are still living. Of the sons, John Bidle, the subject's father, was born at the ancestral home in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1838, and in 1852 accompanied the family on their emigration to the United States. During his boyhood and young manhood it was necessary for him to labor constantly to assist in the support of the family, in consequence of which he was not enabled to attend school after coming to this country, his education being confined to this training in the German schools. He continued to work at day labor and he also acquired a small farm, to which he devoted his attention as far as possible when not otherwise engaged. He was a hard worker and succeeded in keeping his family in fair circumstances. He married Nancy Stauffer and to them were born three children, namely: One that died in infancy unnamed; George C., the subject of this sketch, and Melissa A.

George C. Bidle was reared by his parents and in his youth he was enabled to attend the common schools, securing a fair education. During his minority he worked as a farm hand, and after he attained his majority he

retained his own wages, which prior to that time had been faithfully given to assist in the support of the family. From this time on Mr. Bidle made rapid progress. He was a hard worker, a good manager, and exercised a wise economy, so that in due time he found himself in a position to buy land. In 1893 he bought ninety-seven acres and later, in 1898, he bought eighty-three acres of land located in section 21, now owning one hundred and eighty acres, and this land he occupied in 1906 and has since devoted himself faithfully to its cultivation. A number of splendid improvements have been made on the place by Mr. Bidle, including a large, commodious and well-arranged barn, and in many other respects he has shown his good judgment and wise discrimination. He carries on a general line of farming and also gives some attention to the raising of livestock, on both of which lines of effort he is meeting with a very gratifying degree of success. Starting with practically nothing excepting a pair of ready hands and a stout and willing heart, he persistently fought his way upward step by step and today his land alone is conservatively estimated to be worth at least sixteen thousand dollars.

On Christmas day, 1888, Mr. Bidle married Lulu Craven, who was born October 17, 1868, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (McIntire) Craven. Both of her parents are natives of Wayne county and are now living in Wooster township. Mrs. Bidle was reared on a farm and received a good practical common school education. To the subject and wife have been born four children, namely: John W., born April 10, 1890; Charles W., born August 30, 1891; George W., born March 17, 1905; Elizabeth N., born April 28, 1906.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Bidle are faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Apple Creek, of which Mr. Bidle is a member of the board of trustees and his wife is an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society. In politics Mr. Bidle is a Democrat and has served as trustee of East Union township and as a member of the school board. By a life of consistent endeavor and right living, Mr. Bidle has earned and retains the unbounded confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens throughout the township in which he lives.

IRVIN O. STAIR.

A name deserving of mention in a work of the character of this history, which has to do with the progressive and honorable citizens of Wayne county, is that of I. O. Stair, who, by a life of consecutive endeavor along praise-

worthy lines, has succeeded in establishing a good home and maintaining the excellent reputation of his forbears. He was born December 20, 1865, in Plain township, Wayne county, the son of Fred Stair, a highly honored citizen of this county. The subject was educated in the district schools of his native township, and early in life he turned his attention to farming, which he has always followed in a very successful manner. He is now the owner of ninety-three acres of highly improved land on which he conducts a general farming business. He keeps some good stock and has a nice home and all the farming implements that he can use in the successful operations on his farm.

Mr. Stair was married on December 22, 1887, to Eva Rebecca Bechtel, daughter of T. O. Bechtel, who is mentioned at length in another part of this work. She was born, reared and educated in Plain township, and she has borne her husband the following children: Glen O. and Ethel May, the latter dying March 30, 1908. The mother of these children passed to her rest on April 25, 1909. Glen O. Stair was married on June 20, 1909, to Edna May Swartz, and they have a son, Earl Allen, born March 21, 1910.

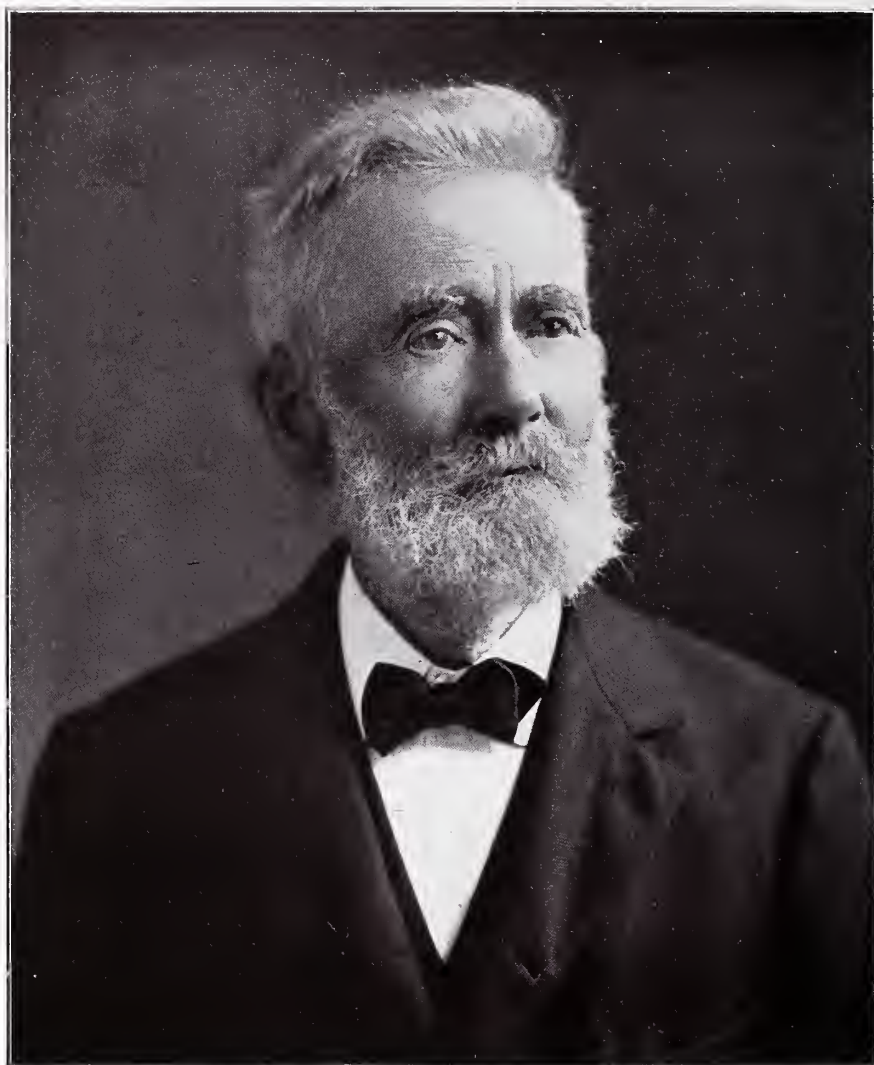
Mr. Stair and family are members of the Reformed church at Reedsburg. Politically he is a Democrat, but he prefers to devote his time to his individual affairs rather than mingle in politics.

WILLIAM MUSSER.

The life of the subject of this review has been such as to bear aloft the high standard which had been maintained by his father, who was one of the pioneers of Wayne county and whose life was signally noble, upright and useful,—one over which falls no shadow of wrong, in thought, word or deed. Such was the type of man who laid the foundations and aided in the development of this favored section of the Buckeye state, and to their memories will ever be paid a tribute of reverence and gratitude by those who have profited by their well-directed endeavors and appreciated the lessons of their lives.

William Musser was born in Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 9th of June, 1835, and is a son of Jacob and Sarah S. (McDonald) Musser. Jacob Musser was born in canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1800, and Sarah McDonald was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, February 16, 1808, the daughter of a Revolutionary veteran, her father having served with Washington. Jacob Musser came to the United States in 1816 with a family





Yours Truly
William Musser



MRS. CAROLINE MUSSER

named Summers, and came at once to Wayne county, Ohio, where he remained about six years. He was a carpenter by trade and here he was steadily employed at his trade. He was economical and at the end of the period indicated he returned to his native land for a year's visit with his parents. Returning then to the United States, he went first to Shenandoah county, Virginia, where he was married and soon afterward came to Wayne county. The trip was made by horseback, and on their arrival here they located in Saltcreek township, where Mr. Musser worked at the carpentering trade, building many of the best houses in the community. He was a good workman and enjoyed a good repute among those who knew of him and his work. In later life he took up the vocation of farming, having acquired his land through earnest and persistent labor at the carpenter's bench. His first real estate purchase was in Saltcreek township, the land being now owned by Howard Crosby. This land was partly cleared when he acquired possession of it and he erected a comfortable house and made other permanent and substantial improvements. After selling this property some years later he moved to East Union township, where he made his home until his death, on December 23, 1881. His wife died September 18, 1900. They were the parents of four children, namely: William, the immediate subject of this sketch; Catherine, who became the wife of L. C. Reichenbaugh and lives in East Union township; Lucy is the wife of a Mr. Smith and lives in Paint township, this county; Emily, the wife of a Mr. Brown, of Saltcreek township. Jacob Musser was domestic in his tastes, preferring the companionship of his wife and family to any other, and he had no inclination to mix in politics. He was formerly a Democrat, but on the outbreak of the Civil war he allied himself with the Republican party, with which he remained identified afterwards. He belonged to no church or lodge, but enjoyed a widespread reputation for his absolute honesty and fair dealing in business affairs.

William Musser was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools. Though these early schools were crude in equipment and somewhat primitive in educational methods, Mr. Musser was a good student and succeeded in securing a fair education. He has always been a close reader and is considered a well-informed man on topics generally. He was early inured to the labors of a farm and has continued to follow that pursuit all his life. He remained at home until his marriage, when he moved onto land in section 3, Saltcreek township, and here he has lived continuously since. He owns about two hundred and thirty acres of fine land, all of which is under cultivation excepting about thirty acres of good timber land. Here he has carried on a general system of farming and has achieved a distinctive success

along this line. The place was partly cleared when he secured possession, but the present buildings have been erected by the subject, who has made other substantial improvements. The condition of the soil has been carefully looked after, the fences are kept in good condition, and in all ways Mr. Musser has given evidence of his capability and enterprise in this honorable calling.

Mr. Musser married Caroline Emick, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Emick, natives of Baden, Germany. These parents were married in the Fatherland and had several children when they settled in Wayne county, where Mrs. Musser was born on the 2d of June, 1840. Mr. and Mrs. Musser are the parents of four children, namely: Emma, who is the wife of Arthur Senff, of Apple Creek, this county; Sydna Ann, at home; Harvey, deceased; Charles, of Saltcreek township, married Lulu Bale and they have two children, Mildred and Howard.

In matters political Mr. Musser is inclined to support the Republican ticket on national issues, but in local affairs he is independent. He has never made any effort to secure public preferment, though he served on the school board for twenty years, giving efficient and appreciated service in that capacity, and at one time he was the nominee of his party for county commissioner, but he made no effort to be elected. In religion, the family are members of the Reformed church at Apple Creek. At one time Mr. Musser was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but is now non-affiliated. Mr. Musser is recognized as one of the influential and progressive farmers of his native county, using marked discrimination in the conducting of his agricultural enterprises and thus winning the merited reward of definite success. He has lived in this community from his childhood and his life has been such as to gain and retain to him unqualified confidence and esteem.

C. WILLIS HORN.

It should be a matter of general congratulation when the younger members of a community, especially those who seem to be destined for leaders, take an active interest in the development of morals. In this age of fast living and faster dissipation of wealth in frivolous amusements, the appearance of a steady head and a firm hand to control conduct must be considered a real blessing in any neighborhood. Such a citizen is C. Willis Horn, who, while yet a young man, has won recognition as an attorney of no small calibre

and a man in whom his community may expect the future to give up many a triumph. He is a native of Dalton, Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, where the major part of his life has been spent, having first seen the light of day September 20, 1878, the son of Edward and Alice (Davidson) Horn, people of unusual traits of character. At an early age he entered the common schools of Dalton, where he made a splendid record, graduating from the high school in 1898. While attending school he worked in the shoe store of L. C. Davidson; but not finding the mercantile business to his liking and having long had an inclination to the legal profession he entered the law office of C. M. Yocum, of Wooster, where he read law for a period of six months, then entered the Ohio Northern University at Ada, this state, graduating from the law department of that institution in 1901, having made a very commendable record, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He opened an office in his native town of Dalton in 1902 and has been practicing here ever since. He met gratifying encouragement from the first and has succeeded in building up a large clientele, having established a wide reputation as a very capable and painstaking attorney, who ever looks to the interest of his clients in a manner that has won the confidence of all who know him. He is not only well versed in both criminal and civil jurisprudence, but he is a forceful and earnest speaker, his arguments convincing and logical.

Mr. Horn has never assumed the responsibilities of the married state. Politically he is a Democrat and an active worker in the party. He is at present town clerk and city solicitor of Dalton. In church affairs he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He takes an interest in church and educational matters and all affairs that tend to the betterment of his community, and he has won the highest respect of all classes.

JACOB A. MOSER.

One of the most thoroughgoing and respected agriculturists of Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, is Jacob A. Moser, the descendant of an excellent old family. He was born in this township March 4, 1872, the son of A. P. and Mariah (Welly) Moser, the former born in this township July 23, 1836, the son of Peter Moser, who was born in the canton of Berne, Switzerland, in 1809. He came to the United States as a single man, here met and married Anna Baer, a native of the same country, and they were among the

earliest settlers of Wayne county and here they spent the balance of their lives on the farm which they hewed from the wilderness. They were the parents of six sons and three daughters. A. P. Moser was reared in Sugar Creek township and lived here all his life, becoming a prosperous farmer and an influential man in his community. Starting in life with but little, he became the owner of one hundred and sixteen acres of good land on which he made a comfortable living. He was a public-spirited man and an earnest Christian. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, seven living in 1910.

Jacob A. Moser was reared on the home farm which he assisted in developing, receiving a common school education. He remained at home until he was married in 1893 to Anna Hofstetter, who was born in Sugar Creek township October 23, 1872. Her people were long well known here, having been among the representative farmers of their community. Mrs. Moser received a fairly good common school education in her native community. Mr. and Mrs. Moser are the parents of two children, Ellen May, born July 2, 1894, and Victor Hugo, born December 13, 1897.

When Mr. Moser started out in life for himself he purchased the farm of eighty-two acres in section 11, Sugar Creek township, going in debt for most of it, but, being a man of thrift and a good manager, he soon had the place all paid for and excellent improvements made. He has one of the finest and most comfortable homes in the township and also a good barn and out-buildings in general. He keeps some good stock and carries on general farming in a manner that yields him a good income. In fact, the larger part of his success has been in raising and dealing in stock.

In politics Mr. Moser is a Democrat. He was assessor of his precinct two years. He takes much interest in whatever makes for the improvement of the community in which he has been reared and made a success of his life work.

JAMES HOWARD FISHER.

It is the pride of citizens of this country that there is no limit to which natural ability, industry and honesty may not aspire. A boy born in poverty and reared under the most adverse surroundings may nevertheless break from his fetters and rise to the highest station in the land. And the qualities do not have to be of transcendent character to enable him to accomplish this result. It is more the way he does it and his skill in grasping the oppor-



J. H. Fisher

tunities presented, than to any remarkable qualities possessed by him. Accordingly, it is found that very often in this country the president, governor and other high public officials possess no higher ability than thousands of other citizens. They have simply taken better advantage of their circumstances than their fellows. And this truth runs through every occupation. The farmer who rises above his fellow farmers does so because he has found out how to rise above the surroundings which hold others down. Such a farmer is James H. Fisher, who owns a comfortable landed estate of one hundred acres in section 12, Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio, and he is eminently entitled to representation in a volume of this character.

James Howard Fisher was born in Saltcreek township, this county, on the 6th of January, 1852, and is a son of Wilson and Sarah (Chapman) Fisher. Wilson Fisher was also a native of this township, and is descended from early pioneers of this county, they having come here from Pennsylvania at a time when there had been but little done in the development of the state. They were farming folk and located on land near Fredericksburg. Wilson Fisher was a good farmer and hard worker and he carried on general farming operations with success there. Subsequently he moved to near Fremont, Williams county, and lived there until the precarious condition of his health compelled him to move back to Wayne county. He made no improvement and his death occurred in the fall of 1858. He was but twenty-eight years of age, and was a young man of bright promise for the future. He had married Sarah Chapman, who was born in Pennsylvania and came here in an early day with her parents, who located at Mount Eaton, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were born three children, James H., Frank, and Mary, who lives in Pennsylvania. Some time after the death of her husband, Mrs. Fisher married George W. Boyer, who was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, and to them was born one child, Louisa, who is now married and living in Pennsylvania. Mr. Boyer enlisted for service during the Civil war and became the captain of an ambulance train, in which capacity he was serving when he was shot and killed during the progress of a battle. Afterwards his widow became the wife of Mordecai Amos, and to that union there was born a son, Edward.

James H. Fisher is indebted to the schools of Williams county for his early education, his attendance not going further than the common school. After the death of his father, at which time he was but seven years old, he was put out to work on farms in Holmes county. He was among total strangers and thereafter was not given much opportunity to attend school and was denied many other things dear to a boy. When he was nineteen years old he

started out in life for himself and engaged in farming by the day and month and when he was twenty-two years old he was in the employ of John D. Armstrong. The following year he commenced farming for himself and has been prospered, so that today he is considered one of the successful agriculturists of the township. His career has been characterized by energetic efforts, sound judgment and wise economy, in which he has been ably assisted by his good wife, and, despite numerous obstacles and discouragements, he has forged ahead and achieved the success which ever lured him on. In addition to the cultivation of the soil, Mr. Fisher has given much attention to the raising of livestock and during the past fifteen years he has bought and shipped large numbers of animals, having been notably successful in this line of effort.

Mr. Fisher has been a Republican all his life, and in 1886 was elected trustee of the township by a majority of three votes, the township being normally Democratic by ninety. In 1889 he was again the nominee of his party for the same office and this time he was elected by a majority of twenty votes, thus testifying to his popularity as a man and to the satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office. He has been several times offered the nomination for various county offices, but has invariably declined to allow his name to go before the voters. He is one of the prominent and well-known men of the county and undoubtedly would come as near being elected as any Republican in the county. Mr. Fisher belongs to no church, but his wife and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Maysville, to which he gives a liberal support.

On June 15, 1876, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Elizabeth Spencer, a daughter of R. W., better known as "Dick" Spencer, a native of Pennsylvania, as was also his wife. Mrs. Fisher was born in Holmes county, Ohio, on New Year's day, 1855. To this union have been born nine children, who are briefly mentioned as follows: Osborn H. married Alta Latchat and they have one child; Mary is the wife of J. J. Stoufer and they are the parents of two children; William is at home; Sadie is the wife of Harry Grow; Giles; R. Walton; Hattie is the wife of Charles Lillich; Nettie is the wife of Bert Smedley; John married Pearl Gordon and they are the parents of one child.

Quiet and unassuming in his demeanor, he has made many friends in this township, and all are united in their high regard for one who has lived an honest, industrious and upright life in their midst for so many years. A good citizen, a careful farmer and a man devoted to his friends and family, Mr. Fisher occupies an enviable place in public regard.

DANIEL LEINER.

What a great consolation it is to be able to say that our ancestors were people of such sterling worth that nothing derogatory was ever said about them. Daniel Leiner, one of the substantial farmers and stockraisers of East Union township, can see nothing but good results flowing from the life work of his parents and grandparents, their influence being for right living and steady industry while they lived, and many of their worthy traits have manifested themselves in the subject, whose reputation in his community is of the best. He was born in Wooster township, Wayne county, March 9, 1861, the son of George and Sofia (Parson) Leiner, the father having come to this county from Germany, where he was born; the mother also first saw the light of day in the Fatherland, where they both grew to maturity, coming to the United States in 1849. George Leiner had little of this world's goods when he landed on our shores, but, being a man of thrift, he soon had a start, first renting land, later purchased sixty-four acres in East Union township where he lived comfortably until his death, June 1, 1909, his wife having preceded him to the unseen land in 1897. Mr. Leiner had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. To Mr. and Mrs. George Leiner eight children were born, six of whom are living at this writing, namely: George W., August, Daniel; Sofia, wife of Harry Frey; Kate, wife of G. V. F. Bechtel; Emma, wife of W. H. Long, of Orrville.

Daniel Leiner was born south of Wooster and he has spent his life in Wooster and East Union townships. He was educated in the district schools, working on the home farm in the meantime. At the age of twenty-one he started in life for himself and has been engaged principally in the threshing machine business, becoming widely known as one of the leading threshing men in Wayne county, and, owing to his good management and activity, he has prospered at this. He is the owner of eighty-three acres of excellent land in East Union township where he carries on general farming very successfully. He is a breeder and raiser of heavy draft and road horses, having engaged in the same for a period of twenty years, and his stock has been the admiration of thousands throughout this locality. He is regarded as an exceptionally good judge of a horse and some high-grade ones are always to be found at his place, and he has little trouble in disposing of them at fancy prices. He has a substantial and beautifully located home and good out-buildings. Mr. Leiner has never assumed the responsibilities of the married state. In politics he has long been more or less interested and has done

much for the success of the Democratic ticket in his locality. He very capably served as one of the county commissioners from September 17, 1900, to September 17, 1906. He has the welfare of his county at heart and any movement looking to the betterment of the same has his loyal support. He is said to be honest and straightforward in all his business transactions, consequently has long ago won the confidence and good will of all who know him.

LEHMAN J. SMEDLEY.

This name is one known throughout Wayne county, for here Mr. Smedley has passed his entire life and here his parents resided for many decades. He has long been recognized as one of the leading agriculturists and business men of his locality, and for many years has held a foremost place among his fellow citizens. He has been faithful to his conceptions of the duties of citizenship, ever striving to advance the interests of his fellow men.

L. J. Smedley was born in East Union township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the anniversary of our national independence, July 4, 1854, and is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Halfhill) Smedley. The paternal grandfather was Jacob Smedley, who, in 1826, came to East Union township, Wayne county, settling in the southeast corner of the township, he having entered the southeast quarter of section 36. He first built a rude log cabin, in which the family lived for awhile, but in due time this was superseded by a two-story hewed log house, in which he spent his remaining days. The subject's father afterwards possessed this old house, and after him it became the property of the subject of this sketch, but is now in other hands. Samuel and Catherine Smedley were both native of Pennsylvania and accompanied their parents to Ohio in 1826, the father being at that time ten years of age. Samuel was reared under the parental roof and at his father's death he acquired the family estate, to which he added as he was able until eventually he was the owner of two hundred and fifty-one acres of as good land as could be found in the township. He was a hard-working and industrious man and stood high among his fellows. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom one died in infancy and six are now living, namely: Cyrus S., of Paint township, this county; Aaron H., of Paint township; Mary, the wife of George Casteel; Susan, wife of Levi Arnold; Idell, wife of Albert Freed, of Oklahoma.

L. J. Smedley spent his youthful days on the home farm and during the winter months he was given the advantage of attendance at the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained as his father's assistant until he had attained his majority, when he started out on his own account, renting seventy acres of his father's land. He was successful in his farming operations and eventually acquired the ownership of the land. He is progressive in his methods and has realized a handsome return from his operations, being now in fairly comfortable circumstances. In February, 1901, he left the farm and located in the town of Apple Creek, where he has since resided. He has engaged extensively in the buying and shipping of hay, which he has found a lucrative business. He is also a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Apple Creek Banking Company. In all his business affairs he has shown a shrewdness and soundness of judgment that has given him a high standing among his business associates.

In politics Mr. Smedley is a staunch and uncompromising Democrat and was honored by election to the position of trustee of East Union township, in which he served for seven years to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens. Fraternally he is a member of Apple Creek Lodge No. 324, Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Smedley are faithful members of the Apple Creek Presbyterian church, of which they are generous supporters, Mr. Smedley being a member of the board of trustees and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On the 14th of August, 1879, Mr. Smedley was united in marriage to Emma Lachat, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in November, 1862. They have become the parents of three children, namely: V. W., of Iowa; Madie, the wife of John Lehot, of Orrville, this county, and Catherine, who died when seven month old. Mr. Smedley belongs to the public-spirited, useful type of men whose ambitious and desires are directed in those channels through which flow the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number, and it is therefore consistent with the purpose and plan of this work that his record be given among those of other representative citizens of Wayne county.

WILLIAM JACOT.

Among the intelligent, progressive and enterprising men who have successfully directed their attention and labors to the noble work of husbandry in Wayne county and whose prosperity has come as the result of personal effort, is Mr. Jacot, one of the substantial and honored agriculturists of

East Union township, and aside from his position as a sterling husbandman, he also has the honor of being the present treasurer of his township, the duties of which position he is discharging to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Jacot was born in the township in which he now resides on the 2d of March, 1868, and is a son of Julius and Sophia (Reichenbach) Jacot. These parents were both born in Switzerland, the former on March 24, 1841, and the latter on February 5, 1839. Her death occurred in East Union township July 2, 1896. After her death, her husband felt an irresistible longing for his old home in Switzerland and thither he went, and is still living there. This worthy couple were the parents of sixteen children, twelve of whom are living, namely: Fannie, the wife of John Dunham; John L., of Medina; Henry, deputy clerk of probate court at Wooster; William T., the subject of this sketch; J. C. E., principal of the public schools at Smithville, Ohio; George W., a student at Wooster University; Charles A., also a student at the same institution; Albert, of Wooster; Alexander; Joseph, a teacher in the reformatory school at Mansfield, Ohio; David, a teacher in the industrial school at Lancaster, Ohio; Mary E., unmarried.

William Jacot was reared on the home farm and has always devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He received a fair education in the common schools of his neighborhood, and supplemented this training by attendance at the Ada Normal School. When twenty-one years of age he started out for himself, working by the month at farm labor. After his marriage in 1898 he farmed rented land for awhile, and by dint of the most rigid economy, combined with wise discrimination and sound judgment in his business affairs, he was eventually enabled to purchase a splendid farm of fifty-five acres in section 22, East Union township, which he has continued to operate to the present time. He has made many good improvements on the place and has maintained it at a high standard of excellence, so that now it is considered one of the best farms in the township. Mr. Jacot carries on general farming, combined with which he also gives some attention to the raising of livestock, in both of which lines he is achieving a distinctive success.

On December 25, 1898, Mr. Jacot was married to Hannah Litsinger, of Franklin township, Wayne county. She was born on September 21, 1870, and received a good common school education. They have become the parents of two daughters, Mabel S. and Ella M.

In religion Mr. and Mrs. Jacot are faithful members of the Presbyterian church at Apple Creek, to which they give a generous support and of

which Mr. Jacot is one of the trustees. In politics he is a stanch Democrat and was honored by his party by the nomination for the position of township treasurer, to which his fellow citizens elected him, and he has now given four years of efficient and satisfactory service in this responsible position. The subject has been a hard-working man, but has seen the reward for his labor, his prosperity having come to him as the direct result of energy and perseverance, his career thus illustrating most forcibly the power of patient and persistent effort and self-reliance.

CHARLES B. EYMAN.

In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their own way to success through unfavorable environment we find an unconscious recognition of a character which not only can endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. Such a man is C. B. Eyman, one of the progressive agriculturists of East Union township who is one of the successful men of his community because he has worked for it. He is a native of Ashland county, Ohio, where he was born on January 17, 1868, the son of S. B. and Isabelle (Tinkey) Eyman, a detailed account of whose lives is to be found in the sketch of S. B. Eyman on another page of this work.

C. B. Eyman was the oldest of a family of five children. When about two years of age his parents brought him to Wayne county, Ohio, and he was reared in East Union township where he has spent the major portion of his subsequent life. His boyhood days were spent on the home farm, which he worked during the crop season and in the winter months he attended the district schools, receiving a common school education. Naturally he took to farming and remained with his father until he reached manhood. Having started in life empty handed, he deserves a great deal of credit for what he has achieved. He rented land for the first eight years he worked for himself, and thereby got an excellent start; then he purchased the farm of one hundred and eight acres in section 27, known as the Simon Bott farm, one of the most excellent farms of this township. Since taking possession of the place he has greatly improved it, making it rank with the best in the community. He has a good dwelling and other buildings and he keeps some good stock, being known as a horseman, having for a number of years engaged in buying, feeding and selling horses and other stock. He is an excellent judge of livestock of all kinds, especially horses, and some fine ones are to be found on his place at all times, no small part of his income being derived from this

source; however, general farming constitutes the principal line of business which claims his attention and the bounteous harvests yielded by his well cultivated fields would indicate that he has mastered the science of agriculture.

Mr. Eyman married Millie Smedley, daughter of William Smedley and a native of East Union township, this county, where she grew to maturity and was educated, her parents being well known here. This union has resulted in the birth of two children, Stanley, born in 1901, and Doyle, born August 18, 1905.

Mr. Eyman is a member of the Reform church at Apple Creek, this township, and politically he supports the Republican ticket. He takes great interest in whatever tends to the welfare of his community and county, though he prefers to devote his time to his farm and stock rather than seek public office.

WESLEY SPANGLER.

The well-remembered and honored ex-county commissioner of Wayne county, Wesley Spangler, was a native of Pennsylvania, having been born near Carlisle, Cumberland county, in 1825, and during his long and useful career he noted many wondrous changes, playing well his part in whatever phase of the country's development he was in touch with. Yost Spangler was the name of the pioneer of this family in America. He was born in Germany and, when eighteen years of age, in 1769, left his native land and came to the United States. He settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and there engaged in surveying; the country being new and many settlers coming in, he was kept busy at his profession. He was twice married, having wed two Weinholt sisters, by whom he became the father of eight children, those by his first wife being: John, Philip, Samuel, Peter, Mary and Barbara; those by the second were Hannah and Yost. From Berks county, Pennsylvania, this old pioneer moved to Lancaster county, that state, later to Cumberland county, where he followed farming for a number of years previous to his death. Peter Spangler was the fourth son born to Yost Spangler, his birth occurring in 1791 in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; he married Susan Zinn, and to them ten children were born. In 1829 Peter Spangler, wife and five children came to Wayne county, Ohio, and purchased fifty acres of land, formerly owned by A. McMonegal. He finally became the owner of one hundred and thirty acres of land. Peter Spangler was a cooper by trade and he followed the same for a period of forty years in connection with farming. His death occurred in 1863, when he was seventy years of age.



WESLEY SPANGLER

Peter Spangler's son, Wesley, of this sketch, was educated in the public schools and the Canaan Academy, and he early in life decided to devote himself to agricultural pursuits. He was married in 1854 to Malinda Stair, and to this union three children were born, namely: Viola and Arabella, each of whom became teachers, received their education at the Smithville Academy and Ada Normal; the other child is Charles W., who is engaged in farming.

Mr. Spangler resided in Chester township from the spring of 1859 to June, 1893, when he purchased the farm where his family now resides, consisting of one hundred and fifteen acres. He was very successful as a farmer and stock raiser and in his old age he found himself surrounded by plenty as a result of his active life and good management.

This excellent citizen was called to his rest on June 12, 1893. He was elected county commissioner in the fall of 1881 and re-elected in 1884; this was a rare thing for a Republican to do in those days, for the county was strongly Democratic, but it showed the excellent standing of Mr. Spangler among his constituents. He was also justice of the peace in Chester township for twelve years. He and his family were all members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Congress. He continued to be actively engaged in farming until his death. He was known as a good neighbor, kindly, generous, honest and obliging.

REV. R. M. MOOMAW.

Among the honored and respected citizens of East Union township, Wayne county, Ohio, none stands higher in the esteem of his fellow citizens than the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch. As a minister of the gospel of Christ he has exerted a beneficent influence over hundreds with whom he has come in contact personally or through the pulpit, while as a private citizen he has won for himself an enviable reputation. He has by a life of sterling integrity and persistent industry honored the community in which he lives and he is eminently entitled to representation in a work of this character.

Rev. R. M. Moomaw was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, October 11, 1875. In tracing his ancestry in the agnatic line, it is learned that he is descended from one Peter Moomaw, who was a native of Germany, where he was reared and educated. He came to America in a very early day and set-

tled in Pennsylvania, where he married and reared a family. Among his children was Martin, who had a son Peter, who was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Peter Moomaw came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1834 and settled in Tuscarawas county, where he spent his remaining years and died. He was a miller by trade and was engaged in the operation of a grist-mill for many years, being a prominent and well-known man in that county for many years. His son Martin, father of the subject, was born in Tuscarawas county, and in that county he was reared, lived his entire life and died. He married Elizabeth Keim and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are now living, four of them being residents of Wayne county. Those living are Samuel, George, Sarah, Martin G., Anna L., R. M. and C. C.

R. M. Moomaw was reared on his father's farm and early became accustomed to the arduous labors incident thereto, being an able assistant to his father. He received a good common school education, which he liberally supplemented by attendance at the normal school at Stone Creek and the Smithville Academy. He then engaged in teaching school, in which vocation he was employed eight terms. Subsequently he became a minister in the Church of the Brethren and is still engaged in the work of this sacred calling. He is the owner of a splendid little farm of thirty-six acres in East Union township, where he resides and which he is engaged in operating during the active farm season, while during the winter season the greater part of his time is devoted to the work of his church. Scholarly, deeply pious, devotedly attached to his church, a vigorous and honest preacher, and an excellent citizen, he has proven a power for good wherever he has proclaimed the Christ message and many have been influenced through his persuasions to live better lives. As an agriculturist, the subject has attained a definite success. Though his farm is not as large as many about him, none have received more faithful and painstaking attention and under his careful management the place has been made to return a nice profit to its owner. He has made a number of good improvements on the place and here he carries on a general line of operations, raising all the crops common to this section of the country.

On the 1st day of January, 1901, Rev. Moomaw was united in marriage to Ada May Murphy, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, May 1, 1879, where she was reared and secured a good education in the common and normal schools. This union has been a most happy and congenial one and has been blessed in the birth of two children, namely: Lois May, born May 4, 1906, and Miriam Elizabeth, born October 10, 1907.

Such men as Mr. Moomaw reflect honor on any community and in every phase of life's activities in which he has been placed he has so conducted himself as to earn the approval of all who know him. With untiring effort and with a nature so hopeful as to ever baffle discouragement, Mr. Moomaw carries forward his work of improving the moral condition of his fellow men and aiding in the development of sterling character, which represents all that is of definite and permanent value in life,—the only thing that commands true respect and honor and that broadens the nature and fits it for the progression of the life to come.

RUDOLF SCHMID.

Among the many honored and thriving citizens of Wayne county that the republic of Switzerland has sent from her mountains and cities that should be accorded special mention in a book of the nature of the one at hand is Rudolf Schmid, who was born in the canton of Berne in 1856, the son of Benedict and Mary Schmid, who lived and died in the old country, and who were thrifty and highly respected citizens. Their son, Rudolf, received his education in his home country. He had heard wonderful stories of the opportunities to make a comfortable living in the great republic of the new world and when a mere boy he conceived the idea of coming to America to make his fortune; consequently, in 1884 he began the long tedious trip, landing on our shores in due time. He came directly to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled near the old Schaum mill. He had learned the carpenter's trade in the old country, and he followed this for a period of eight years after coming here. He saved his money and took up farming. He rented land for several years and made money, thereby being enabled to buy an excellent farm in 1898, consisting of one hundred and forty-two acres, and on which he still resides. He has made a success at farming and is now well fixed, having a well-improved place, well stocked with various kinds of livestock, poultry, etc., and he has a neat and comfortable home. From 1898 to 1903 he turned his farm over to some of his children to manage while he continued to rent land. In the meantime he erected splendid new buildings, building his barn in 1901 and his commodious dwelling the following year. In 1903 he established his permanent home on this place. In 1904 he and his wife made a trip to his old home in Switzerland, which was a source of a great deal of gratification to Mr. Schmid, for he was returning in ample circumstances to his native land, which he had left when

a boy, practically without capital. In January, 1905, Mr. Schmid purchased another fine farm of eighty-two acres, just across the road from him in Congress township. He raises an excellent grade of livestock, especially horses and cattle, and he carries on general farming very successfully,—in fact, he is one of the leading farmers of the township.

Mr. Schmid was married, in 1877, to Margaret Bingley, the daughter of a highly-respected family, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Ernest, deceased; Mary married William Shephard; Adolph married Myrtle Baughman; Rudolf married Etta Bear; Lena, now Mrs. C. A. Steiner, of Plainfield, Illinois. The following children are all at home, with the exception of Clara, deceased; Fred Charles, Benjamin, Daisy, Grace. The first five children named were born in Switzerland, the remainder after Mr. and Mrs. Schmid came to America. Each member of this family is highly respected in the community where they live. Religiously, Mr. Schmid is a member of the Reformed church, in which he is a deacon and elder. Politically he is a Democrat. He is one of nature's noblemen, whom it is a pleasure to meet.

REV. L. CODY MARSH.

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

Sometime after the year 1880, in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, at some time in the day, some place in the city, I, like most other persons, was born. The subject of dateology has never been my forte, so you must excuse the approximate figures which must abound in this article. So far as I know, I undertook adventures with such common boyhood heroes as Mr. Colic, Miss LeFevre, Jim Mumps, etc. I do not remember meeting Miss Fitts. They told me afterwards that I did little talking or crying, in fact, no talking until I was two years old, and since then the stream has not stopped.

My father was in the real estate business in Cleveland, Ohio, about this time and was one of those early blazers of the trail. He, with my grandfather, opened and built up many of Cleveland's streets, Beechwood, Alanson, Auburndale and Penrose being some of them. My father was born some time before the Civil war, but was not old enough to fight, bleed or flee for his country. It would have been on the other side anyway. His people belonged below the Mason and Dixon line. They were tobacco plantationers and owned "niggers." My parents met near Cleveland and were married about

1880, the maiden name of my mother being Cody. "Buffalo Bill" (William F. Cody) is my cousin. No American has lived who is so well known as he.

Now that you know my parents, I'll tell you what they did with me. They sent me to school, which made me sore. I was rather on the hot house order, so they had to travel to California, Mexico, Colorado and Florida every winter with me. It was taking education and travel and health all in one. Central high school managed to hold me for a period of four years. In Cleveland I also studied medicine for about two years in the hospital, intending to make it my profession. I played several leading and other parts in the Cleveland Shakespeare Club. I received offers from theatrical companies to sign up, but it never appealed to me.

Two years was served by me in Battery A, Artillery. It was the crack battery of the state.

At the time I went to college my father had lost his business through severe reverses, so I went down to Kenyon and worked my entire way through. Hence I know that any young man who wants an education may have it. During my first year my mother died. This and other matters led me to consider the ministry and later I decided on it, took the necessary four years in college, three in the seminary and was ordained in June, 1909. During my seminary course I held the parish at Jefferson, Ohio, and East Plymouth, St. Ignace, Michigan, and many short supplies. On November 1, 1908, I came to Wooster, was appointed to the parish by the bishop in the spring, ratified by the parish and in August took up my position as minister in charge. The parish, being without a minister for three years, was in bad shape, but is growing satisfactorily.

And then comes that time in every man's life that a clergyman speaks of as "Cana of Galilee." The first miracle that Jesus performed was for man's pleasure, for man's wedding. So few of us realize the human side of Jesus and thus few expect a human side to a clergyman. He is just as human as anyone else. True divinity is true humanity. Our Lord showed us that the life of God was the ideal life of man. But the publishers did not ask me to write a sermon and I started to tell you about getting married. The finest woman that ever lived was born and raised in St. Louis. She now lives in the St. James church rectory, the wife of the dominie. She was Miss Mary Eleanor Blake. With a great deal of pride I here make immortal the fact that her grandfather was the first graduate of Kenyon College. Our marriage took place in St. Louis, June 26, 1909. It was the hottest day in history. That is probably why our love is still so warm. You will always find the rectory a most pleasant place to visit. When you come I'll prove it. Before

leaving this section, I must tell you that Mrs. Marsh comes from a long line of Episcopal clergy. Her father varied the line by proving to the world that a Blake could excel in business. The Blakes excel in everything,—well, so do the Marshes.

I have felt my principal work to be among boys and young men. In view of this, I have started a boys' club, calling them the Knights of St. James. St. James was known as "the just" and I want these boys to be just men, full of good works. I have taken what was said about the boyhood of Jesus for outline of development. "He increased in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man." I want them to have an all-around education, such as an American gentleman should have. I want them to have a well developed physique so that their bodies may be ready for any test. I want them to grow in favor with men, by being morally clean, attractive in personality, able to handle themselves, unselfish and lovable. They must grow in favor with God by attending His worship, holding the idea of woman in purity, using the spiritual faculties of prayer and good thought. We have secured a club room to be fitted up with gymnasium apparatus, books, magazines, games, with also provision for lecturing to the boys on business, politics, etc. In the summer time we hope to take camping trips. I might say that there are one hundred boys in the Boys' Club. They have a beautiful ritual which they put on with great devoutness. They are increasing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. The older boys take up debating, extemporaneous and public speaking, law, business and,—well when you see presidents and governors and senators, and other history-making men in the future, you will find their names on our roll. Here is what they say the club does: "It gives us a good time without harm;" "it gives us exercise without bad influence"; "it gives us inspirations to be great, and wise and skillful in good things and not in bad." Here is hoping that a Young Men's Christian Association will succeed us. The boys have been enthusiastic about the club and the good people of the town have taken hold with me by purse, hand and heart. I can conclude no better than by saying that in Wooster I have found hospitality, a considerateness and a group of friends that I doubt could be matched anywhere.

JOHN P. KOEHLER.

Prospects were not very encouraging to Conrad Koehler, a native of Germany, when, at the age of eighteen years, he found himself in a new world, surrounded by people of strange customs and manners and with little

capital in his pockets and no work at hand. But he had come to America to wrest a fortune or at least a good living from her resources and he was not to be daunted; consequently he made the best of his surroundings and soon obtained work, having come to Wayne county, Ohio. His first employment was by the year for the sum of sixty dollars; this offer was made by a Mr. Downey, with whom he stayed for three years; being economical, he saved enough to get a foothold in a short time. He married Katherine Allman and then moved on part of Mr. Downey's farm, renting the same for about four years; later he rented another farm and continued to work rented land for a period of sixteen years. Having by this time laid up some money, he was enabled to purchase a farm near Dundee of one hundred and forty-seven acres and there he lived for many years and prospered. He now lives retired in his beautiful home which he built in Beech City. His wife is also living at this writing. They are the parents of ten children, namely. John P.; Prof. C. F., manager of a business college at Winona, Minnesota; G. W., of Beech City, Ohio; George H., a lumber dealer in Bolivar, Tuscarawas county, this state; Mary, wife of Emil Kapitzky, a bank cashier; Frank is a teacher at Canton, Ohio; H. C. is an attorney at Alliance, this state; James A. is a practicing physician at Shelby, Ohio; Daniel is a traveling salesman; Clark has remained single and is living at home.

John P. Koehler, of this review, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, near Canal Dover, February 1, 1854. Reared upon the home farm, he began working on the same when he became of proper age and attended school in the meantime, receiving a good common school education. He was married in 1879 to Amanda Beam, who was born September 27, 1860, and to this union the following children have been born; Iva, March 8, 1885, wife of J. H. Evans, of Maumee, Ohio; Leta, born August 14, 1889; Dorsy L., born June 16, 1882, died February 2, 1884; Derle D., born June 4, 1899.

In 1893 Mr. Koehler bought a farm of ninety-six acres one-half mile east of Apple Creek in East Union township; since that time he has greatly improved the place, built a house, which is modern and cozy, and remodeled the barn. His place is very productive and it yields a good income.

Mr. Koehler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Apple Creek and a member of the official board; he is also interested in the work of the Sunday school. In politics he is independent, exercising his own judgment in such matters, keeping well posted on current topics and he prefers to vote for the man rather than the party.

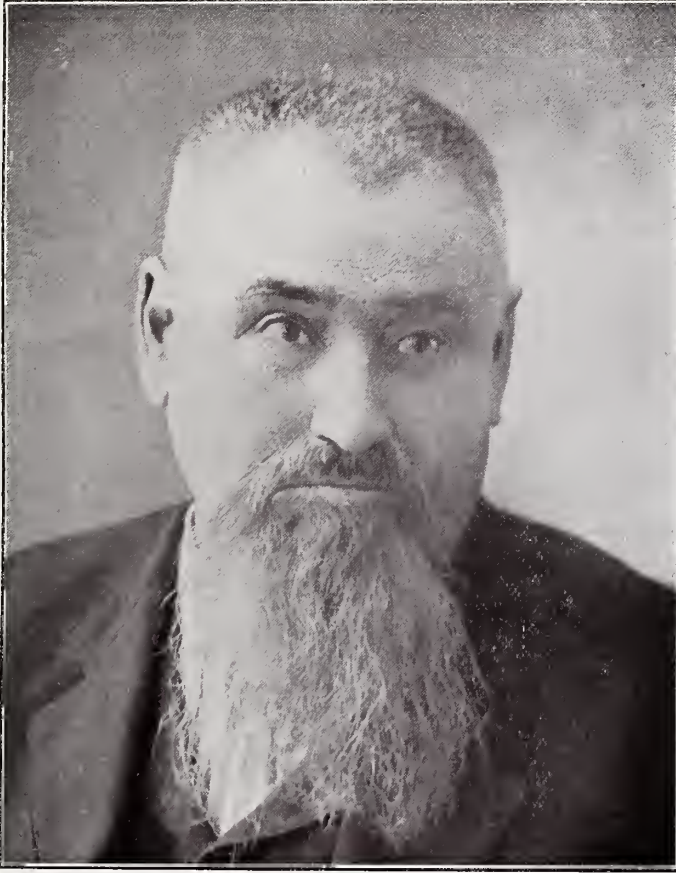
Mrs. Koehler was eight years of age when she came with her parents to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1860. Her parents, Amos and Rebecca (Adams)

Beam, purchased a farm one mile east of Apple Creek. Amos Beam was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1824. Rebecca Adams was born March 21, 1835, and her death occurred February 3, 1906, having survived her husband four years, his death having occurred December 8, 1902. They were the parents of seven daughters and four sons. Those living at this writing are given as follows: Anna, wife of Eli Braden; Elmer is living in Cleveland, this state; Alice is the wife of Cyrus Dunham, of Massillon, Ohio; William, of Rochester, Pennsylvania; Charles, also living in Rochester, Pennsylvania; Celia, wife of William Hobbs, of Canton, Ohio, and Amanda, wife of John P. Koehler, of this review.

Amos Beam was one of the organizers of the Methodist Episcopal church in his locality, and he was one of the pillars of the same, always being a liberal supporter of the local church and a worker in its congregation. He was a good and useful man, highly honored by all who knew him.

JOSEPH McCAULEY BROWN.

A most exemplary citizen and an honored hero of the war of the Rebellion is Joseph M. Brown, a prominent citizen of Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio. During his army career he was always found faithful to the duties imposed upon him, thus winning the confidence and regard of his comrades and superior officers, while in his business life and social relations he has ever manifested the same justice, integrity and reliability, and none know him save to wish him well. He is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Franklin county on the 17th of December, 1834. His father, John Brown, also was a native of Franklin county, born September 3, 1803, and in 1836 came to Massillon, Ohio, with his family, consisting of his wife and son, the subject of this sketch. Massillon was then the most important trading point in this section of the state, and he remained there a short time, subsequently moving to Holmes county. He was a plasterer by trade and a good workman, having been employed in that line during practically all his active years. He remained in Holmes county until 1865, when he came to Wayne county and located in Saltcreek township, where he spent his remaining years, his death occurring in his eighty-ninth year. He was a man of many fine qualities of character and was well liked by all who knew him. In Pennsylvania John Brown married Elizabeth Thompson, who was born in Franklin county, that state, in 1817, her family having originally come from



JOSEPH M. BROWN

Scotland, where they belonged to the Clan Campbell, while the Brown ancestors were from Wales, where they were a prominent family, as they were also in the Keystone state. Mrs. Brown lived to the ripe age of eighty years. By her marriage with John Brown, she became the mother of ten children, briefly mentioned as follows: Joseph Mc., the subject of this sketch, who was the only one of the children born in Pennsylvania; George A., deceased; John D., deceased; Amy Ann died in infancy; the next two children were twins, one of whom is dead, the other, Elizabeth, now making her home in Wooster; Joanna is the wife of Robert Hatfield, who lives north of Wooster; Calvin S., of near Apple Creek; William and Martha.

Joseph McCauley Brown attended the early subscription schools and secured a fair education, which has been liberally supplemented during the subsequent years by much reading and close observation of men and things, so that he is a well informed man. He early learned the trade of a carpenter, which he thereafter followed during most of his active years. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he went to northwestern Missouri, where he was employed at his trade until the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company F, Eighteenth Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served faithfully from October 10, 1861, until May 5, 1865. He took part in a number of heavy engagements with the enemy, besides much skirmishing and marching, and at the battle of Shiloh, he, together with the greater part of the regiment, was taken prisoner and was kept in confinement during the following nine months, being in the prison at Macon, Georgia. He there received very severe treatment and during a part of the time he was confined in the hospital. After being paroled, Mr. Brown rejoined his regiment and was with General Sherman on his march to the sea, and afterwards participated in the Grand Review at Washington. He saw much arduous service and was four times wounded. Enlisting as a private, his faithful services were recognized and he soon became a sergeant, subsequently attaining the rank of a first lieutenant, which rank he held when he was mustered out at Washington.

Immediately on the conclusion of his military service, Mr. Brown came to Saltcreek township, Wayne county, and has made his home here ever since. The greater part of the time he has been at his trade of carpenter, though for several years he has not performed any hard labor, advancing years admonishing him to husband his strength. He is the owner of some fine farming land in section 15, and is in fairly comfortable circumstances. His character and life has been such that he has merited and retained the universal regard of all who know him. He has taken an active part in local

political affairs in the interest of the Republican party, having cast his first vote for John C. Fremont for President. He has never sought office for himself, but has been an active and influential man in the township. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church, while his wife is an active member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Brown formerly belonged to the Fredericksburg Post, Grand Army of the Republic, but his advancing age prevented his attending the meetings and he has taken a discharge.

On the 13th of November, 1866, Mr. Brown was married to Mary Jane Dunham, who was born in Saltcreek township, this county, May 21, 1840, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Dunham, who were early settlers in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown the following children have been born: Anna Alice is the wife of William Herman, of Franklin township, and they have two children; Margaret Elizabeth, now deceased, was the wife of Theodore First, by whom she had three children; Thomas D., who is a postal mail clerk living at Mansfield, married Emma Christman; Maud died at the age of sixteen years.

CHARLES M. SHANK.

An agriculturist of Chippewa township deserving of the high esteem in which he is held by his neighbors is Charles M. Shank, who was born on the farm he now owns, December 1, 1864, thus being able to gratify an ambition which comes to but few of us—to spend our lives at the old home. He is the son of George and Esther A. (Adams) Shank, the former born February 13, 1837, on the same farm where Charles M., his son, now lives; Esther A. Adams was born at Easton, Ohio, July 19, 1840. Charles M. Shank's paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Shank, natives of Pennsylvania who came to Ohio in a very early day, making the trip in old-fashioned wagons, which required twenty-one days. They settled on a farm in Chippewa township, which a Mr. Porter had entered, and here they spent the remaining years of their lives. The maternal grandparents, Daniel and Mary Ann Adams, were natives of Pennsylvania, and they, too, came to Ohio in the pioneer days, locating near Easton, Chippewa township, where they lived a few years and then moved to Manchester, where Mr. Adams lived until his death, his widow spending her last days at Clinton with her daughters. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Shank's family has been a familiar one in this county since its early settlement, and suffice it to say that each member has borne a reputation that can not be assailed.

The parents of Charles M. Shank grew to maturity in this county and married at Akron, Ohio. On the old homestead George Shank followed farming all his life, greatly improving the land by erecting two fine houses and a barn and adding two hundred and fifty-one acres to the old homestead. He was a trustee of Chippewa township for six years and he served as school director for many years. He gave his attention principally to farming, and he was considered one of the best in the township. In politics he was a Democrat. To George Shank and wife two children were born, Charles M., of this review, and William W.

After an eminently useful and successful life, George Shank passed to his reward on March 21, 1903; his widow, a woman of many praiseworthy traits, is still living. George Shank was for many years a deacon in the Doylestown Lutheran church and he always took an active part in its affairs.

Charles M. Shank was educated in the district schools and the Clinton high school. He was reared on his father's farm, which he worked when he became of proper age, and after his father's death he continued the management of the same in a successful manner. He has devoted considerable attention to livestock and has become noted as a breeder of Durham cattle during the past ten or twelve years, also thoroughbred Shropshire sheep and Berkshire hogs, and no small part of his annual income is derived from this source, his stock always finding ready sales owing to their high grade. He has added to the original place until his farm now consists of two hundred and sixty acres of as good land as Chippewa township can boast. It is well improved and well managed.

Mr. Shank was married on March 26, 1890, to Ida A. Ries, a native of Wayne county and the daughter of William and Mary Barbra (Frase) Ries, old settlers of Wayne county. This union has resulted in the birth of five children, namely: Etta A., a student of the Doylestown high school; Cora Mae, who died in infancy; Milo Clifford; Howard Leland and Florence Lucile.

Mr. Shank is a Democrat in his political affiliations, at present ably serving his township as trustee; in January, 1910, he had held that office for seven years and nine months. He has also been on the township school board for a period of five years, and he has held various other local offices. He and his wife are members of the Doylestown Lutheran church. They hold high rank in the social circles of this vicinity as a result of their many commendable traits of character.

GEORGE LANDIS.

It is an axiom demonstrated by human experience that industry is the keynote of prosperity. Success comes not to the man who idly waits, but to the faithful toiler whose work is characterized by sleepless vigilance and cheerful celerity, and it has been by such means that George Landis, the present popular and capable manager of the Doylestown State Bank, has forged to the front and won an honored place among the substantial citizens of Wayne county. He is widely known as a man of high character, and for a number of years his influence has been marked and salutary. He was born at Wellington, Lorain county, Ohio, October 26, 1869, the son of George and Elizabeth (Leatherman) Landis. His paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth Landis, were natives of Pennsylvania where they lived, and they died in Ohio; his maternal grandparents, John and Rebecca Leatherman, were also natives of Pennsylvania; they moved to Medina county, Ohio, in a very early day and died there.

George Landis, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania in 1829 and his wife, Elizabeth Leatherman, was born in Medina county, this state, in 1838. Eight children were born to them. Mr. Landis was a pioneer farmer and saw-mill man in his community and he did a great deal of work in both, developing his farm and cutting timber in the winter months, having been very comfortably situated on his farm when he died. It was in 1868 that he moved to Wayne county and settled in Rittman and there lived until his death in 1890, having been killed in his own saw mill. He was a stanch Mennonite and he lived a quiet and retired life, giving his exclusive attention to his personal business affairs and to his family. He was regarded by all who knew him as a man of more than ordinary attainments, although he never sought to make any outward display, being reserved. He was truly a good and useful man. He and his wife were the parents of these children, namely: John; Mary, living in Portland, Oregon; Frank, superintendent of the Coppen mine in Virginia; Amanda, Elizabeth, George (of this review), Allen and Sarah. The mother of these children died in 1875.

George Landis, Jr., was educated in the common schools of Rittman, graduating from the high school there in the class of 1889. He very early manifested a taste for a mercantile life, and when he had finished his education he entered the mercantile business in Rittman, remaining in the same for a period of six years. He prospered and, desiring a broader field for his operations, moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for a period of twelve years, doing an extensive business there in the mercantile line. For

six years before his graduation he worked in a store in Rittman for a Mr. Apade, attending school in the meantime. In 1903 he went to Cleveland.

Observing an excellent field for a bank at Doylestown, this county, Mr. Landis came here from Cleveland and organized the Doylestown State Bank, of which he is cashier and manager at this writing, and he has succeeded in building up the prestige of this institution along safe and sound lines, until it is widely patronized and has a reputation second to none in the county. He seems to have a natural ability for banking and performs his duties in a manner that elicits nothing but favorable comment from all concerned.

Mr. Landis was married in 1893 to Laura Amstutz, the accomplished and affable daughter of Jacob Amstutz, mentioned elsewhere in this work. The Amstutz family has long been a prominent one in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Landis one child has been born, named Glen, a bright and interesting lad, now a student in the Doylestown high school.

In his political relations Mr. Landis is a Republican and, although he has been solicited by his friends to take public office, he has persistently refused to do so, preferring to devote his attention exclusively to his personal affairs. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Sterling Lodge, No. 173, and the Foresters, Court Levan, Cleveland, Ohio.

Personally Mr. Landis is a straightforward, honest and painstaking business man, courteous and obliging, and in the social circles of this vicinity he and his wife stand high, and none are more deserving of the honor and esteem of the community.

WILLIAM HENRY WRIGHT.

To such men as William Henry Wright, life is so real that they do not find time to plot either mischief or vice. Their lives are bound up in their duties, they feel the weight of their citizenship, and take pleasure in sowing the seeds of uprightness in order that their contemporaries and their descendants may be benefited. He was born in Medina county, Ohio, November 9, 1849, the son of Ephraim and Katherine (Wideman) Wright. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Betsy Wright, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. They came to Ohio about 1836 or 1838, and located in Medina county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The maternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine Wideman, were natives of Canada, the former having been a British soldier in the American Revolution,

and early in the nineteenth century he came to the United States, locating in Medina county on a farm which he cleared and improved; he made his own brick and built one of the largest and finest homes of that time in his county. There he lived until his death, having nearly reached his ninetieth milestone. Ephraim Wright was born in Pennsylvania in 1825, and his wife, Katherine Wideman, was born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1829. They were married in this state, Mr. Wright having come here with his parents in his youth. He was a carpenter by trade; however, he followed it but a few years, when he purchased a farm in 1856 on which he spent the remainder of his life. He was one of the first to support the Republican party and he remained a loyal supporter of the same. He was for some time justice of the peace, also served as township trustee and in other minor offices. Both he and his wife were members of the United Brethren church. They were the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters; those living are, W. H., of this review; E. J., E. F., O. O., Dora M. and Charles.

Ephraim Wright was known as a man of firmness and justice and always fair in his dealings with his neighbors, who looked upon him as an adviser. He died October 7, 1891, his widow surviving him until in November, 1903.

William Henry Wright was educated in the common schools of Wadsworth township, Medina county, also at Doylestown under Professor Harshey. He was reared on the home farm and when he reached maturity he quite naturally took up farming for himself. Later he carried on a lumber business and finally went into the tile business, making a success of whatever he turned his attention to. On March 1, 1892, he came to Wayne county and located at Rittman and began the manufacture of drain tile, a business he continued for a period of fourteen years. For the past three years he has lived retired, surrounded by plenty as the evidence of his former years of thrift and industry. He is the owner of three very valuable farms, one in Summit county and two in Wayne county. On his farm near Rittman a large dairy is conducted, about twenty-five cows being kept—Holstein cattle—and he is the only dairyman in this vicinity; he finds a ready market for his products, most of which goes to Akron. He is a man of rare soundness of judgment and business ability.

Politically, Mr. Wright is a Republican, and though often solicited by his neighbors and political leaders to accept public office, he would never do so. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Wright was married March 4, 1871, to Christa Eichelberger, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to this state in her girlhood, her parents

locating in Summit county. Her father, Gabriel Eichelberger, became well known in his community. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are the parents of eight children, named as follows: Grant Q., William E., Ada M., Maud I., Harry E. G., Raymond Arthur (deceased), Charles Nelson and Susie Lucile.

No family in the county stands higher in social and business circles, the Wrights having been prominent here since the early days.

HOWARD ROY McFADDEN.

One of the most straightforward, energetic and successful agriculturists of Wayne county is Howard Roy McFadden. He is public spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his locality, and for a number of years he has been numbered among its most valued and honored citizens.

Howard R. McFadden is a native son of Wayne county, Ohio, having first seen the light of day at Smithville, on the 11th of March, 1879. He is the son of Robert and Mary (Bucher) McFadden, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and died March 11, 1907, and the latter born in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. The McFadden family is of Scottish origin and in the members of the family are to be found those characteristics which make the Scots so desirable an element in our great cosmopolitan population. The subject's father, Robert McFadden, came from Pennsylvania to Smithville, Wayne county, in 1864 and for awhile he operated rented land. Being successful in his operations, he was enabled, in March, 1884, to buy a tract of one hundred and two and a half acres in the southern part of Congress township, which he made his home until his death, in 1907. He was a supporter of the Republican party in politics and his religious belief was that of the Dunkard church. To Robert and Mary McFadden were born four children, namely: Elmer, a farmer in Congress township; Henry, a farmer in Chester township; Harvey, a farmer near Lattasburg, Ohio; Howard R., the subject of this review.

Howard R. McFadden secured his education in the district school commonly known as the Fairview school, in the northern part of Congress township, and his boyhood days were spent in the labors of the farm. He remained with his father until he had attained his majority, when he went to Ashland, Ohio, and learned the trade of a gas-fitter, at which he was employed eight years. On the death of his father, he returned to the home

farm and has since had charge of it. His mother lives with him. Mr. McFadden is an energetic and progressive man and applies twentieth century methods to his agricultural operations. He keeps the place at a high standard of excellence and his labors are rewarded with abundant harvests in season. The farm buildings are kept in good repair, up-to-date machinery is used in the operation of the place and the appearance of the premises indicates the owner to be a man of excellent taste and sound judgment.

On the 26th of November, 1899, Mr. McFadden wedded Fern Hettinger, who was born in Creston, Ohio, the daughter of Hess Hettinger, now a resident of Ashland, Ohio. This union has been a most happy and congenial one and has been blessed in the birth of one child, a boy, Kenneth, born September 22, 1900. Mr. McFadden gives his support to measures for the general good and is accounted one of the progressive and practical young men of the community.

OLIN LEE KEAN, M. D.

The readers of this work are doubtless familiar with the name Kean, not merely because the Doctor's name has become a household word throughout this locality, but also because his ancestors played an important part in the affairs of the same for many years, establishing reputations for honor and industry and making successes of whatever line of endeavor they turned their attention to. Dr. O. L. Kean was born on the farm where he now resides in Plain township, Wayne county, in 1857, the son of D. C. and Elizabeth (Brubaker) Kean. The former was born on the same farm on which the subject lives, and his wife was born in Ashland county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents of the subject were William and Elizabeth (Case) Kean, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter born in Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio. William Kean was one of the pioneer teachers in Plain township. Joseph and Sophia Kean were the parents of William Kean. The Kean family originally came from Scotland and settled in the New England states, later coming to Pennsylvania. In 1816 Joseph Kean brought his family from Pennsylvania to Ohio and lived one winter near where the McBride school house now stands in Wooster township. He then entered the eighty acres of land where the subject now resides. He was injured while building his log house and never did much work afterwards. William Kean cleared the place and in all accumulated two hundred acres of land, nearly all of which he cleared. Augustus Case, great-grandfather of Dr. O. L. Kean

and father of Mrs. William Kean, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents of Dr. O. L. Kean were George and Elizabeth (Birket) Brubaker, natives of Pennsylvania who came to Ohio about 1834 and settled on a farm in Ashland county where they spent the remainder of their lives.

D. C. Kean, father of the Doctor, made an effort to enlist as a private in the Union army, but was rejected on account of disability. His brother, John, was a soldier in the Civil war and died during his service. Joseph Kean died in Plain township. William Kean retired in 1862 to Shreve and there died. D. C. Kean lived on the old home place nearly all his life. He was educated in the common schools and at Wesleyan College, and taught school for twenty-eight years during the winter months, following farming in the summer time. It is probable that one-third of the time he spent in teaching was in the schools of his own district, being close enough to stay at home all the time he was teaching. He later in life lived in Wooster. Politically he was a Republican and for twelve years served as justice of the peace and filled other local offices, among which was that of clerk of the township. The entire Kean and Brubaker families have been connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. D. C. Kean and wife were the parents of seven children, namely: W. F., V. E., O. L. (subject), Gertrude, O. J., Lura B. and Stella. All these children were sent to the University of Wooster, the entire time spent in that institution by the children totalling thirty-five years.

Dr. O. L. Kean was educated in the home schools and completed the freshman year in the University of Wooster, after which he began the study of medicine in the Wooster Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in 1881. He established an office in Creston, Wayne county, Ohio, where he remained for a period of ten years, building up an excellent patronage, much of which he retained after his removal to Wooster, in which place he also remained for a period of ten years, enjoying a still greater practice. While in the practice he branched out into dentistry, being the first man to use local anaesthetic in dental work. He patented its use and he has received the praise of the medical world for this great addition to medical science. In the year 1901 he left the profession and has since resided on the old Kean farm where he carries on general farming, making a specialty of cattle breeding. He has been very successful both as a practicing physician and as a dentist and is now making money farming and stock raising.

The Doctor was married in 1883 to Tressa Peak, the daughter of an old and influential family, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Azella Maude is a student in the high school at Wooster; William and Benjamin.

Doctor Kean is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, also the chapter and commandery. He was one of the organizers of the National Railway Surgeons' Association, established in 1887, and always took much interest in the work of the same. He was appointed surgeon for the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad at the age of twenty-four years, which position he held with credit and eminent satisfaction for a period of seven years.

The Doctor is a pleasant man to meet and at once impresses the stranger as a sincere, able and courteous gentleman, and he and his family are held in high esteem by all who know them.

DANIEL WEBSTER BRENNEMAN.

One of the native sons of Wayne county who has here passed his entire life figures as the subject of this brief review, and it is not irrelevant to state that he is one of the most popular and highly esteemed citizens of Rittman, where he is successfully engaged in the grocery business. As a member of an honored and well-known family we here enter record of the more salient features in his career.

Mr. Brenneman is descended from good old German ancestry, his paternal grandparents, Daniel and Mary (Bender) Brenneman, having been natives of Hessian Germany. They came to America in 1825 and located in Pennsylvania, probably in Somerset county. Three years later they removed to Garrett county, Maryland, where the father cleared and improved a farm of one hundred acres, and there they lived until the father's death in 1842. The subject's maternal grandparents, Jephtha and Barbara (Zook) Plank, were natives of Pennsylvania and came to Wayne county, Ohio, in a very early day, making this their home during the remainder of their lives. The subject's parents were Christian and Hannah (Plank) Brenneman. The father was born in Germany, June 19, 1821, and in 1825 was brought to America by his parents, who lived successively in Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 1844 Christian Brenneman went to Canada, where he remained about a year and then came to Wayne county, Ohio. A year later he again went to Toronto, Canada, but in April, 1846, he once more came to Wayne county and made this his permanent home from that time on. In 1849 he bought a farm of one

hundred and twenty-eight acres, which he improved and cultivated and on this he made his home until his death, which occurred on the 19th of August, 1908. His wife was born in Pennsylvania May 1, 1829, and accompanied her parents on their removal to Wayne county, where she was reared, and where, on October 5, 1848, she married Christian Brenneman. The latter was a quiet and retiring man in disposition, but was a man of fine personal qualities and was universally respected throughout the community. In politics he was a Democrat and gave that party an ardent support, but he had no ambition for office or public preferment. He and his wife were the parents of four children, namely: Daniel W., the subject of this sketch; Mary, born March 1, 1855, the wife of John Klopfenstein; Lydia, born January 23, 1859, is the widow of Daniel Coonrad and lives at Wooster; Annie, born May 3, 1862, is the wife of Myron Lichenwalter. The subject's mother died on June 19, 1903.

Daniel W. Brenneman was born in Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, July 19, 1850. He received his education in common school No. 3, Greene township, and was reared on the paternal farmstead, being early inured to the labors of the farm. In young manhood he learned the trade of a mason, which he followed about five years, at the end of which time he returned to farming, which he followed until 1903, when he went into the meat business, running a butcher shop at Smithville. In October, 1905, Mr. Brenneman located at Rittman and opened a grocery store, in which line he has since remained and in which he is meeting with a very gratifying measure of success. He carries a large and well-selected line of groceries and all the side lines usually to be found in an up-to-date and first class grocery store and here he is receiving his full share of the public patronage. He is courteous and accommodating to his customers and he readily makes friends of all who come in contact with him.

On the 29th of May, 1873, Mr. Brenneman was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Elizabeth Forrer, who was born in Pennsylvania, May 11, 1855, the daughter of John and Mary Forrer, early settlers in the Keystone state and of German descent. To the subject and his wife have been born eight children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Willard, March 5, 1874; Alice, July 19, 1877; Isa, August 17, 1883; Alpha, January 14, 1886; Harry, July 29, 1889; Jay, May 15, 1896; Lucile, March 1, 1899. Nora died at the age of three years, being the third in order of birth.

In matters political Mr. Brenneman is a Democrat and takes an active interest in the success of that party, though not himself a seeker after public office. His religious affiliation is with the German Baptist church, of which

he and his wife are consistent members, doing what they can to further its interests. Mr. Brenneman has shown himself to be a capable, progressive and discriminating business man and has been very successful. His interest in all that concerns the progress and prosperity of his community is unabating, and those who know him best are numbered among his cherished and devoted friends, while he commands unequivocal esteem in the community at large.

FRANCIS LEE RICKABAUGH.

Although yet a young man, F. L. Rickabaugh, who is now the owner of the farm on which he was born in 1870 in Plain township, Wayne county, has shown what may be accomplished in the way of definite results if energy and rightly formed principles are properly directed, as his have evidently been, judging from the large success which he has achieved and the standing he has in his neighborhood as a man of industry and integrity. He is the son of John and Amanda (Willour) Rickabaugh, the former born in Plain township, the latter also a native of Wayne county. The paternal grandparents were Henry and Catherine (Wagner) Rickabaugh, the former born in Switzerland, having come to America when a boy, accompanied by his parents, the family settling in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In an early day Henry Wagner came to Ohio and settled on a farm in Plain township, which is now owned and resided on by Daniel Lawrence. Henry Rickabaugh lived on the farm Mrs. Musser now lives on, later moving north of where F. L. Rickabaugh now lives, and spent the remainder of his life there.

The maternal grandparents of the subject, Abraham and —— (Landis) Willour, came from Pennsylvania to Wayne county, their last location having been made in Chester township. They were early settlers here and led typical pioneer lives. They were the parents of three sons, all of whom became soldiers in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. Solomon Rickabaugh, half brother of the father of the subject, was also a soldier in the Civil war.

John Rickabaugh, father of the subject, was reared on a farm and educated in the neighboring schools, taking up farming for himself early in life. Shortly after his marriage he bought the eighty acres where the subject now lives. He cleared much of the land, improved it in many ways, erecting substantial buildings and fences and here made a success of his vocation. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, one of whom died in infancy.



MR. AND MRS. F. L. RICKABAUGH

He was a Democrat and a member of the Disciple Christ church. He took some interest in local affairs and served for two terms as treasurer of his township.

F. L. Rickabaugh, of this review, was educated in the common schools of his native community, also spent a few months in the Haysville school. He then returned to the home farm, where he has since resided, having begun farming very early in life, and, having devoted his attention exclusively to the same, has made it a pronounced success. Upon the death of his father, in 1904, he purchased the home farm. He has become widely known as a breeder of Shropshire sheep, Chester White hogs and Jersey cattle, always keeping some fine specimens of livestock about his place, being a careful raiser of the same, and his stock always brings a good price on a ready market owing to their excellent quality.

In February, 1905, Mr. Rickabaugh was married to Mina McMillan, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, and her parents were natives of the same county. To Mr. and Mrs. Rickabaugh two children have been born, bearing the names of Grace Elizabeth and Lela Almeda.

The subject is a member of the Christian church and politically he is a supporter of the Prohibition party, doing what he can in the success of the same.

DANIEL GRABER.

From the vine-clad hills of sunny France to the fertile and highly cultivated fields of Ohio is a far cry, and yet in these two localities the subject of this sketch has lived. In the United States he has found the opportunities for enterprise and energy, and that he has here attained to a gratifying success in his business affairs is a fact widely recognized in the section of Wayne county in which he lives.

Daniel Graber is descended from a long line of French ancestry, his paternal grandparents, Jacob and Marian Graber, having lived there all their lives. His maternal grandparents, Christian and Anna (Widner) Conrad, also lived their entire lives in the land of the lily. His parents were Peter and Catherine (Conrad) Graber, both of whom were born in France, the former in 1821 and the latter in 1822. The father was a successful farmer by vocation, having lived for twenty-four years on one farm, and it is a further matter of record that the same property had been occupied by some member of the Graber family for more than one hundred years. All the members of

the family clung to the religious faith of the Mennonite church and were highly respected where they lived. Peter Graber died on February 9, 1870, and soon thereafter the widowed mother and her children came to the United States, and came at once to Wayne county, Ohio, locating first in a small house situated about a mile west of the present residence of the subject. Soon afterwards she and her four sons bought a farm of one hundred and seventy-seven acres in Milton township, and they engaged in the operation of this place during the following eight years. In 1880 the mother and two of the sons, including the subject of this sketch, bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres west of the former place, and they greatly improved, building thereon a full set of well-built and commodious farm buildings and otherwise making many substantial improvements. The mother lived with the subject on this place until her death, which occurred on December 20, 1895.

Daniel Graber was born in France on the 29th of March, 1854, and there received the greater part of his education, being taught to speak, read and write both French and German. After coming to the United States with his mother, he attended school about three months. He has been a close reader and a keen observer and is considered a very well informed man. He has here devoted his entire attention to the tilling of the soil and the breeding and raising of livestock, in both of which lines he has been very successful. He is an enterprising and practical farmer and has seldom had a failure in any of his crops. He carries on a general line of farming, raising all the crops common to this section of the country. In the handling of horses he has achieved a distinctive success. He handles Percheron, Belgian and trotting stock and has produced and sold some fine horses. One mare which he bred and raised he sold for three hundred and fifty dollars, and the same horse today cannot be bought for fifteen hundred dollars. Mr. Graber also does a large dairy business, shipping his milk daily to Cleveland, where he finds a good market.

In December, 1888, Mr. Graber returned to his native land and there, on the 16th of April, 1889, he was united in marriage to the sweetheart of his early youth, Marie Richard, the daughter of Michael and Fannie (Kurth) Richard. Her father is still living in France at the advanced age of eighty-two years, and in the spring of 1909 the subject's eldest daughter, Katie, paid him a visit. Mrs. Graber's paternal grandparents were Michael and Madeline (Widmer) Richard, while her grandparents on the maternal side were Christian and Mary (Widmer) Kurth. To Mr. and Mrs. Graber have been born the following children: Michael (deceased), Joseph, Peter (deceased), Abel, Homer, Katie, Fannie, Martie and Mary.

In politics Mr. Graber has given his support to the Democratic party and has taken a live and healthy interest in local public affairs, having rendered efficient service in the capacity of school director. As a public-spirited and progressive citizen, Mr. Graber has given his influence in the furtherance of good government, educational and religious interests and all that conserves the general welfare, while to him is accorded in his adopted county the fullest measure of esteem and confidence.

MILWARD LANCE.

In the anxious and laborious struggle for an honorable competence and solid career on the part of the average business man fighting the every-day battle of life, there is but little to attract the idle reader in search of a sensational chapter; but for a mind fully awake to the reality and meaning of human existence there are noble and immortal lessons in the life of the man who, without other means than a clear mind, a strong arm and a true heart, conquers fortune and gains not only the temporal rewards of his toil, but also that which is greater and higher, the respect and confidence of those with whom his years of active life have placed him in contact.

The subject of this sketch is a native son of Wayne county, having been born north of Sterling, in Milton township, on the 5th of April, 1864, and is the son of Abram and Melissa (Ross) Lance. His paternal grandparents, Henry and Betsy (Hoffstater) Lance, were natives of Pennsylvania, and came to Wayne county in a very early day. They located in Milton township, northeast of Sterling and there cleared a fine farm, on which they spent their remaining days, rearing a family and otherwise doing their full part in the development of this section of the country. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Ross, was a native of the state of New York and he too was an early settler in Wayne county, having at one time owned the land where the thriving little town of Sterling now stands. There he and his wife spent their later years and died. Abram Lance, the subject's father, was born in Wayne county, in October, 1838, she who afterwards became his wife being born here two years later. They grew to manhood and womanhood in their respective homes and in due time met and married. They at once took up farming on their own account, occupying a part of the old Lance homestead. They were successful and stood high in the community, the father having taken a prominent and leading part in the Baptist church. They are now both de-

ceased. They became the parents of seven children, all of whom are yet living. Abram Lance was three times drafted for military service during the Civil war. The first two times he sent substitutes in his stead, but the third time he went to camp himself, being soon discharged because of disability.

Milward Lance received his education in the common schools of Milton township and during his vacation periods he assisted in the work of the farm. He has always followed agricultural pursuits, having early in life realized that agriculture was the great basic industry on which rested the entire national commercial structure, and he has never regretted his choice. He rented land for a number of years, but in December, 1908, he bought a farm of eighty-nine acres, lying west of Sterling, and he established his home there in the spring of the following year. He has made a number of permanent and substantial improvements on the property and has others in contemplation. He is a wide-awake and progressive man and adopts twentieth-century methods in his work when he is satisfied of their feasibility. He carries on a diversified system of farming and is meeting with a gratifying degree of success.

In May, 1886, Mr. Lance was married to Emma Glessner, a native of Ashland county, Ohio, but who came with her parents to Wayne county at the age of ten years. Her parents were Alfred and Sarah Glessner, prominent and highly respected persons. Mr. and Mrs. Lance have become the parents of the following children: Flossie and Ray, who are at home, and one that died in infancy unnamed. Politically, Mr. Lance is a supporter of the Democratic party in national elections, but in local affairs he is inclined to be independent, believing that the personal fitness of the candidate is of paramount importance. He is a man of worthy parts, no one in the community enjoying a better reputation for integrity of word and deed, and when a man stands high in the estimation of the people who have known him during his entire lifetime no greater testimonial of his worth can be offered.

JOSEPH JONTZ.

To make a success of agriculture it is necessary to be something more than a hard worker. A farmer might labor from dawn to twilight every day in the year and yet fail to accomplish much; there must be sound judgment and discretion exercised at the same time, a knowledge of soils, grains,



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH JONTZ

livestock and, in fact, general business. The man who accomplishes much as a tiller of the soil and the manager of a landed estate these days should be accorded a place along with the men who succeed in other walks of life, for often it requires more ingenuity and courage to be a farmer than anything else that claims the attention of men in the world of affairs. A brief review of the life and career of Joseph Jontz, of Plain township, Wayne county, will suffice to show that he has achieved success as an agriculturist partly because he has worked for it and partly because he has been a good manager and a man of proper habits. He is a native of this township, where he was born in 1837, and his long and useful life has been spent in his native locality. He is the son of Joseph and Louisa (Hammer) Jontz, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Germany. The maternal grandparents of the subject were natives of Pennsylvania, in which state they lived and died, and his grandparents on the other side of the house came from Germany and settled in Wayne county, Ohio, later moving to Ross county, this state.

Joseph Jontz received his education in the common schools of Wayne and Ross counties, and he began working on the farm when but a boy, having followed farming very successfully ever since. He is now the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and forty-five acres in Plain township. He started in life with practically nothing and he has made what he has all unaided. In 1906 he bought a lot of two and one-half acres adjoining his farm and there built a modern and comfortable home, where he now resides, surrounded by all the comforts that his age requires, having lived practically retired since that time. Ten years of his early life were spent in Indiana, and he assisted in clearing his step-father's farm of one hundred acres.

Mr. Jontz was married on January 14, 1861, to Elizabeth Myers, who died January 30, 1908, after a faithful and praiseworthy life. This union resulted in the birth of the following children: Mary, who married George Desbrough, of Cleveland, Ohio; George, who married a Miss Bowers, of Hancock county, this state; Frank, who married a Miss Whitmer; Cora, who married Joseph Newel; Anna, who married a Mr. Eppward; Almeda, who married a Mr. Boreman; Henry, who is single and makes his home with his father.

Politically, Joseph Jontz is a Democrat, and while he has never taken much interest in public affairs, having always preferred to spend a quiet life on his farm, he is one of the best known men in the western part of Wayne county and is respected by all. Religiously he belongs to the Lutheran church.

WILLARD BROWN JORDAN.

"Man is the noblest work of God" and a truly noble man but fulfills the plan of the Creator. The life of man described a circle. The cycles of existence of different lives form concentric circles, for some are given but a quarter of a century wherein to complete the appointed work, while the span of others varies to the allotted three score and ten. But how true and comforting that life is measured, not by years alone, but rather by a purpose achieved, by noble deeds accredited to it. How often are we confronted when a loved friend and coworker answers the final summons, with the question, "Why must he go when there yet remains so much for him to do, when he can so illy be spared?" But the grim messenger heeds not and we are left to mourn and to accept submissively. These thoughts are prompted in a review of the life and achievements of Willard Brown Jordan, in whose death, on the 31st of January, 1907, the town of Creston and indeed the entire community suffered a distinct and irreparable loss. In the prime of his sturdy manhood, active in the prosecution of enterprises which benefited the entire community, a sound, practical business man, a kind neighbor, a loving husband and father, and an enjoyable acquaintance, Willard B. Jordan occupied a conspicuous place among his fellow citizens, each of whom felt a sense of personal bereavement in his untimely death.

Willard Brown Jordan was born at Berea, Ohio, April 15, 1860, and was the son of Hezekiah Usher and Eloise (Brown) Jordan. His paternal grandparents were William and Mary (Usher) Jordan, who were natives of Brookfield, Madison county, New York. In 1823 they came to Ohio and settled at Rockport, where they located and created a fine homestead. There they reared their family of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity. The maternal grandparents were Samuel and Fannie (Silsby) Brown, natives of New York and Connecticut respectively. They came to Ohio in an early day, settling near Richfield, Summit county. Subsequently they removed to Cuyahoga county, this state, where they lived during their remaining years. Mr. Brown was a pioneer ax-maker, and so famous was the quality of his output that he went by the soubriquet of "Axmaker Brown." Hezekiah Jordan was born in 1828 in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and was reared to the life of a farmer. Upon attaining mature years he took up farming on his own account and located at Berea, this state, where he reared his family. He took a prominent part in local political affairs, and, being a well-read and intelligent man, he easily became a leader among his fellow citizens.

The subject of this sketch was reared in the Berea home, and early became acquainted with the manifold duties of the farm. He attended the common schools until the age of fourteen years. He conceived the idea that specializing in farming and gardening could be made a success and that his belief was well founded was abundantly proven in his later experiences. In his youth he followed his idea, raising large crops of onions, beets, and other garden truck, in which he was engaged for a number of years. He also engaged in the milk business to some extent. About the time of his marriage, in 1887, he moved to Creston and entered the business of growing celery, going into partnership with W. C. ("Celery King") Johnson, of Carey, Ohio, their land being located just outside of Creston. Celery and onions were their specialty and their success was pronounced from the start, the muck ground occupied by their gardens being capable of wonderful productions of vegetables. Eventually Mr. Jordan purchased the interest of his partner and continued the business alone until his death. He added to his original land holdings from time to time and at the time of his death he was the possessor of a handsome competence. He was a pioneer in the preserving business and at one time was a heavy raiser of tomatoes and cucumbers. The land comprising the farm was at one time wild and considered practically worthless, but under the magic touch of a practical hand the land became very valuable, a single acre of land giving employment to several persons. The business thus inaugurated and established has had a beneficial influence on the business of the community, and is numbered among the most prominent enterprises of the township.

Mr. Jordan possessed a marked taste and talent for music and for a number of years was a prominent member of the Shubert Orchestra and the Berea Band. He also had an interest in military affairs and was a member of Company D, Fifth Regiment Ohio National Guard, known as the Berea Light Guards. On the 20th of January, 1886, he was commissioned by Governor Foraker first lieutenant of this company, having been elected by the company.

In religious belief Mr. Jordan held that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was an earnest and consistent member, while his fraternal membership was with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been a charter member of the subordinate lodge of this order at Creston. In politics he was an ardent Republican and always took a live interest in the success of his party. He inherited from his mother and his grandmother, who were prominently connected with the Crusader movement in this state a number of years ago, an intense hatred for the liquor business and was active in efforts to promote temperance in his community. More especially when children of his

own grew up about him did he feel the force of the question and thereafter he was more personally interested than ever before. In 1900 he was placed on the Republican ticket as the candidate for mayor of Creston, but having business interests in the South to look after, he did not give much attention to the canvass and was defeated by four votes. In 1902 he was again nominated and this time the issue was the temperance question. He took a firm and uncompromising stand for a "dry" town and on this question he was elected mayor of Creston. He gave the city a satisfactory administration and in 1905 he was again put on the ticket on the same issue and was again elected. His only official service prior to his election as mayor had been in the capacity of member of the council and of the board of education. He was serving as mayor at the time of his sudden death. This deplorable event occurred on January 31, 1907, during a heavy snow storm. He was walking with one of his workmen along the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad tracks when a train suddenly approached and he jumped hastily aside to escape injury. A train was approaching on the other track, however, of which fact Mr. Jordan was ignorant, and he was struck and killed. The sad event cast a gloom over the entire community, Mr. Jordan being one of the most popular men who resided in this section of the county.

On the 20th of October, 1887, Mr. Jordan was married to Estella Mary Anthony, a native of Rockport, Ohio, and the daughter of Edward M. and Sophronia Anthony, early settlers there. They were originally from Brookfield, Madison county, New York, the mother's family being traced to old Connecticut stock. Mrs. Jordan's parents came to Ohio in 1826 and here the father entered a farm, which he cleared and developed into a valuable property, the same being still in the possession of the family. The father died in 1891, while the mother is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were born the following children: Edith A., who is now a student in Wooster University; Ralph W. is a graduate of the Creston high school and is now managing the business formerly conducted by his father, and which is now run under the name of Jordan Brothers; Carl M. is a student in the high school at Creston; Florence R. is in the high school; Frances G. and Raymond Usher.

The honored subject of this review was ever found faithful to duty, under whatever aspect it presented itself, never sacrificing integrity and honor to personal expediency and so living as to command unqualified confidence and esteem as emanating from those with whom he came in contact in the various relations of life. No undue eulogy but rather simple justice is done to the memory of such a man when perpetual record is made concerning his life and

accomplishment, and this has been attempted in this simple tribute to one who stood "four square to every wind that blows," who attained definite success in temporal affairs and who was one of the representative citizens of Wayne county.

JOHN HARTZLER.

This family represents several generations of farmers, the first of whom came to Ohio in the early half of the last century and figured in several different communities. They were originally Pennsylvanians, from which state John Hartzler, grandfather of the subject, came to Wayne county and settled near Smithville on the wild land then offered freely by the government. He married Sarah Zook, by whom he had six children, including a son named Joel, the father of the subject. He grew up on his father's farm and at maturity made shingles by hand as his chief source of income. He married Sarah, daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (Kurtz) Yoder, who came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to Holmes county, Ohio, where they ended their days. After his marriage Joel located in Milton township, Wayne county, on a farm purchased by hard labor, which he improved and put in a good state of cultivation. In 1854 he moved to Greene township, and bought a good farm of one hundred and twelve acres, which he cultivated until his death, in 1875. He was a member of the Amish Mennonite church and a man of quiet, unobtrusive manner who never disturbed or wronged any one. The four children by his marriage were Elizabeth, wife of J. C. Borntrager, of LaGrange county, Indiana; John, the subject; Jacob, a farmer of Greene township, and David, who died when twelve years of age.

John Hartzler, second of the family, was born in Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, January 25, 1855. He remained under the parental roof until 1887, meantime picking up a desultory education in the somewhat inferior schools of those days. On November 6, 1887, he married Lydia, daughter of Christian and Catherine Berkey, of Wayne township. The latter was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. The former was a native of France, who came to the United States when seventeen years old and first located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but later removed to Ohio. He bought a farm in section 14, Wayne township, subsequently purchasing another in section 25. He died at Orrville, Ohio, in 1903, and his wife in 1893, after becoming the parents of three children: Christian, deceased; Lydia, and Emma, wife of Daniel Liechty, of Greene township. To Mr. and

Mrs. Hartzler have been born two children, Mahlon and Effie. After his marriage Mr. Hartzler located in Wayne township, section 11, on the farm known as the Joshua Zook place, where he has since lived and carried on agricultural operations. He owns one hundred and seven acres on which he has expended much hard work and made many improvements. In 1903 he built the commodious house in which he now resides and is enjoying the comforts that have come from a life of industry and frugality. He carries on general farming, raising all the cereal crops suitable to this latitude and a small amount of stock sufficient to consume the surplus products. He enjoys the reputation of being a good farmer and judicious manager. He is a member of Oak Grove Amish Mennonite church of Greene township and, though he votes the Republican ticket, he has neither held nor sought for office. Since 1902 his venerable mother has found a comfortable home under his roof.

JACOB STAM.

Though many years have passed since the subject of this sketch passed from the life militant to the life triumphant, he is still favorably remembered by many of the older residents of Wayne county, and because of his many excellent personal qualities and the splendid and definite influence which his life shed over the entire community in which he lived here during many years, renders it particularly consistent that specific mention should be made of him in a work containing mention of the representative persons of the county. A man of high moral character, unimpeachable integrity, persistent industry and excellent business judgment, he stood "four square to every wind that blows," and throughout the community he occupied an enviable position among his fellow men.

Jacob Stam was a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he was born March 14, 1805. He was a son of George and Elizabeth (Baker) Stam, who also were natives of the Keystone state, where they had lived for many years. His father having died when the subject was very young, the latter was reared by his maternal grandfather Baker. In 1830, at the age of about twenty-five years, Jacob Stam came to Ohio, locating near Moorland, Wayne county, where he entered a tract of land, which was practically all covered with the primeval growth of forest trees. A small clearing was made and a cabin erected, and then the worthy pioneer applied himself to

the herculean task of creating out of the forest a home, and in this effort he was eminently successful, and in due time came to be recognized as one of the leading agriculturists and influential citizens of the county. To his original one-hundred-and-sixty-acre tract he added thirty-one acres on the east and sixty-two acres on the west, making a total of two hundred and fifty-three acres owned by him at the time of his death. He was a hard-working man, and with his energy was combined a spirit of progressiveness that enabled him to accomplish much that to others would have seemed impossible. He was public-spirited in his attitude toward all movements calculated to advance the best interests of the community and gave a hearty support to all beneficent projects. In his death, which occurred on the 27th of August, 1878, the community suffered a distinct loss, and his memory is held sacred by those who knew him. In politics he was first a Whig, but on the formation of the Republican party he allied himself with it and remained faithful to that party during the rest of his days. He was active in local public affairs and satisfactorily filled a number of local offices. His religious membership was with the German Lutheran church, in which he was a very active worker, and his remains now lie buried in the cemetery of that church in Franklin township.

On September 1, 1853, Mr. Stam was united in marriage with Margaret Hagye, the daughter of John and Margaret (Long) Hagye, who were natives of Baden, Germany. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Stam is the only one living. Mrs. Stam was born in Germany on the 19th of August, 1829, and at the age of eight years she was brought to America by her parents. They first stopped in Knox county, Ohio, but a few years later removed to Holmes county, where they lived until the death of Mrs. Stam's stepmother. Mr. and Mrs. Hagye were members of the Lutheran church and their remains lie buried in the cemetery of that church in Holmes county. To Mr. and Mrs. Stam were born the following children: Albert, who is now a resident of Knox county; Eliza, who remains at home with her mother; Adolph died on August 30, 1906, and is buried in the Wooster cemetery; George, who lives in Knox county, married Estella Blue, and they have five children, Lillie Dean, George Carlton, Walter Lee, Lena May and Opal; Jacob, who lives in Colorado, married Hannah Goodyear and they are the parents of five children, Henry Jacob, Edna, William McKinley, Maude Eliza and Elsie Margaret; Wilson is a successful stock buyer in Nebraska; Joseph is at home; Margaret became the wife of Charles Kimber and they have five children; George R. and Helen LeGrand are at home.

Mrs. Stam, who still resides on the old homestead, is a lady of many womanly virtues and by her kindly ways and sweet qualities of character she has won and retains the warm friendship of all who know her, her attractive home being ever open to the visits of her friends.

DR. BENJAMIN STUDER.

Each calling or business, if honorable, has its place in human existence, constituting a part of the plan whereby life's methods are pursued and man reaches his ultimate destiny. A study of a career like that of Dr. Benjamin Studer, one of Orrville's best known citizens, shows what may be accomplished while yet young in life if proper ideals are persistently applied. Doctor Studer is a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he was born in February, 1879, the son of Fred and Louise (Bright) Studer, an influential family of that county. Doctor Studer is the next to the youngest member of the family and a brother of Rudolph Studer, of Sugar Creek township. He was reared on the home farm, which he worked when he became of proper age; this was in Holmes county, for when he was one year old his parents moved from Tuscarawas county to Holmes county, this state. Benjamin received a good primary education, having attended the district schools during the winter months for several years or until he was seventeen years of age, after which he devoted his attention exclusively to farm work. But, believing that some other line would suit his tastes better, he started to learn the blacksmith's trade, but he did not follow this long until he started in the creamery business, learning the buttermaking trade. He followed this very successfully for a period of four years. Having long desired to become a veterinary surgeon, he abandoned all business and entered the Veterinary College of the Ohio State University and took a full course, embracing three years, from which he was graduated in 1906, with the degree of Veterinary Surgeon, having made an excellent record for scholarship.

Doctor Studer at once located for practice at Cincinnati, Ohio, and remained there over eighteen months, where he enjoyed an excellent patronage from the first. But desiring to return to Wayne county, he established an office in Orrville in 1908, and, although he has been here but a short time, he has built up a very satisfactory practice which is constantly growing, for he is well grounded in his profession and is a man in whom everyone places the utmost confidence.



BENJAMIN STUDER

Doctor Studer was married, in April, 1909, to Emma Herman, a native of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and the daughter of a fine old family there, and they have been blessed with a daughter, Sophia Alice, born May 19, 1910.

The Doctor is a member of the Reformed church at Orrville, and politically he is a Democrat.

MENNO PETER YODER.

The family of this name became identified with Wayne county at an early period by the incoming of the founder, who was among the first settlers of Wayne county. Samuel Yoder, a son of this first settler, was a boy at the time his father arrived. The latter bought land in section 30, Greene township, and after spending his life in farming ended his days on the old homestead. Samuel was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and remained with his parents until of age, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land west of Weilersville, Ohio. He spent much labor in clearing this tract and eventually converted it into a valuable home. He died March 31, 1878, aged seventy years, four months and twenty days. In early manhood he married Catherine Naftziger, a native of Germany, who died September 4, 1892, aged over seventy-five years. They had eleven children: Bene, married and both are deceased; Jonathan, who was a farmer and horse dealer in Greene township, first married Leah Stoltzfus, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who died in 1881, and second, Mary Zook, of Goshen, Indiana, who again resides at that place, and he died November 4, 1896; Barbara is the wife of David Hostetler; Jacob N. is a resident of Greene township; Levi N. is a farmer, at Holden, Missouri; Elizabeth (deceased), wife of A. K. Kurtz; Martha is the wife of Ames Smucker; Samuel D. died June 2, 1873, aged twenty-two years; Menno P.; the tenth child, David V., died in infancy; John A. married Sarah Newhouser and is a farmer in Wayne township.

Meno P. Yoder, ninth of this family, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 24, 1856. After securing a fair education he taught three terms of school in Greene township. In 1878 he located on section 15, in Wayne township, where he has since resided. On January 22, 1878, he married Veronica Yoder, of Wayne township, daughter of Joash and Catherine (Smucker) Yoder. Mr. Yoder has no children. He has been engaged in farming all of his life and has met with a fair amount of success. He is a member of the Oak Grove church in Greene township.

About the year 1720, Barbara Yoder, widow of a man who died at sea on his way from Switzerland to this country, arrived at Philadelphia. This was one of the first Amish Mennonite families that came to Pennsylvania, and they located in the eastern part of the state, either in Lancaster or Berks county. She was the mother of eight sons and one daughter, the latter becoming the wife of Christian Byler. Seven of the sons married and reared families. Christian had eleven children, Jacob, Anna, Christian, John, Fannie, Elizabeth, Barbara, Henry, Yost, Joseph and David. The latter was the grandfather of Joash Yoder. His first wife was Jacobin Esh, who also came from Switzerland and arrived at Philadelphia in 1780, after a long and perilous passage of over six weeks on the ocean. She had three sons and five daughters: Daniel, born 1791; Rebecca, wife of Jacob Zook, born October 18, 1793; Jonathan, born September 2, 1795, married Magdaline, daughter of Zacharius Wagner, who was brought to this country from Hesse, Germany, during the Revolutionary war and died in Berks county, Pennsylvania; Joseph, born September 13, 1797, married Catherine Lantz, of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, where he lived many years and taught English and German schools. In 1838 he moved to Juniata, Pennsylvania, and in 1846 to McLain county, Illinois, where he bought a farm on which he lived until his death, in February, 1888; Magdaline, born April 23, 1799, married John Lantz and died in 1832; Fannie, born April 11, 1802, married Joel Yoder, of Center county, Pennsylvania; Maria, born April 11, 1804, married John Yoder, of Center county, Pennsylvania; Leah, born December 8, 1806, married Yost Yoder, of Center county, Pennsylvania. In 1849 she and her family moved to Juniata county and from there to McLain county, Illinois, still later to Kansas. David Yoder, grandfather of Joash, went with his family from Berks county, Pennsylvania, to Mifflin county in 1811. He bought a large farm, which after the death of his wife he lost as the result of financial disasters, and died in 1820. His son, Jonathan, who became the father of Joash, was a man of great strength and more than ordinary intelligence. Though he had little schooling, he could read and write German and English, and could solve many difficult problems. When about thirty years old he was called to the ministry of the Amish Mennonite church and served in that capacity to the end of his life. He received no compensation, but worked for the love of the cause, and showed a great deal of ability. He worked for fifty cents a day, yet by industry and the help of his good wife they lived comfortably. Eventually he owned a small home place, four miles west of Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Shortly after his marriage he learned the carpenter's trade and made his living chiefly by that kind of work for some time.

In 1828, when his son Joash was ten years of age, he removed to Half Moon township, Center county, Pennsylvania, and bought one hundred acres of land on which he lived eight years and then removed to Juniata county. Jonathan and Magdalena died in Center county. Nine children grew up, married and reared families, their names being as follows: Leah, born March 28, 1818; Joash, born December 23, 1819; Elias, born October 16, 1821; Elizabeth, born January 5, 1825; Sarah, born December 17, 1826; Amos, born December 17, 1828; Jonathan, born September 21, 1830; Magdaline, born July 13, 1832; Asa, born January 24, 1835; Catherine, born September 10, 1836, and Annie, born February 7, 1840.

In 1846 Elias removed to McLain county, Illinois, near Bloomington, and afterwards other members of the family joined him. In 1850 Jonathan and his wife followed with the remainder of the family. The parents died and were buried there. When fourteen years of age, Magdaline Yoder was bound to Christian Smucker, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Her master removing to Mifflin county, she accompanied him and remained with him until eighteen years old. She early became a member of the Amish Mennonite church and was a kind and benevolent woman, as well as the most loving of mothers. She spun all the cloth used by her family, from shirts to overcoats, and wove all of the clothing with her own hands and made all the clothes for the family.

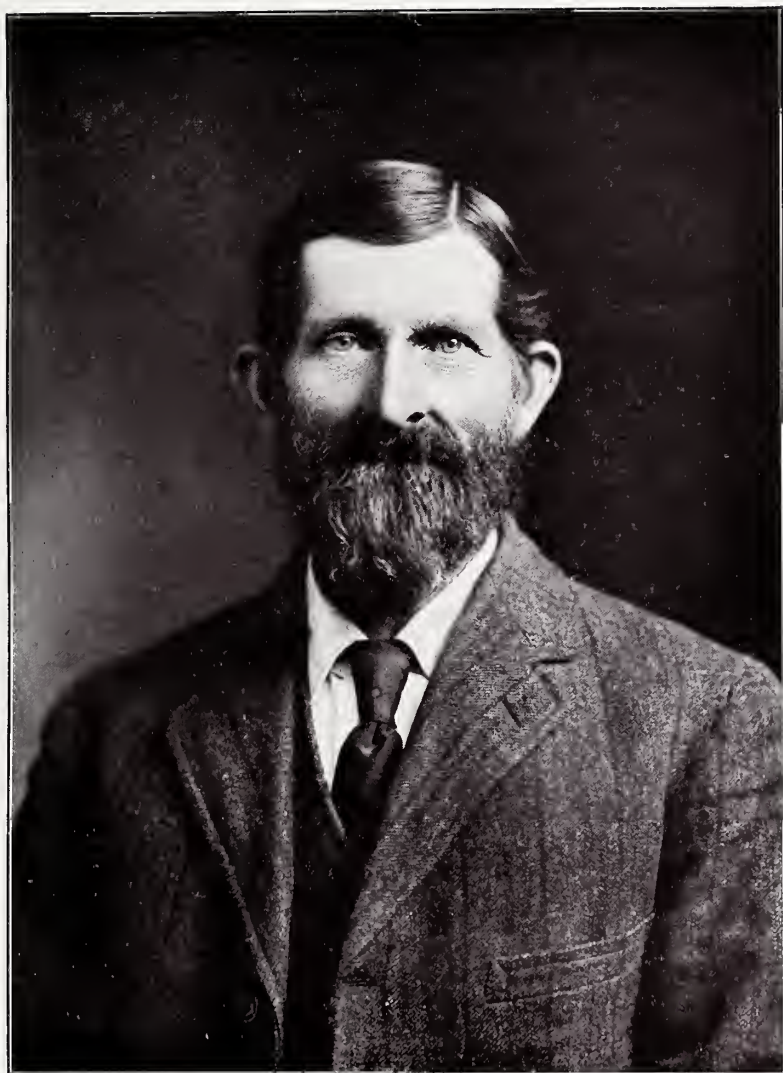
Joash Yoder was born December 23, 1819, in Derry township, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and remained at home until twenty-one years old. He did all kinds of farm work, went to the log school house and had all the experiences of the pioneer boy. He studied hard and could read and write English and German. An unusually good scholar at the age of nineteen, he began teaching and kept this up for several years. In 1841 he married Barbara Kaufman, daughter of Christian Kaufman, of Mifflin county. He left Juniata county and lived in a small log house, fourteen by fifteen feet, which belonged to his father-in-law. He cut wood and cleared for fifty cents a day, which was the prevailing price in those times. He had only one son, Eli L., who now lives in Nebraska and has seven children. His wife died October 12, 1851, and in the fall of 1853 he married Catherine Zook, a widow and daughter of Christian Schmucker. She had three children by her former husband and two by Joash Yoder: Veronica, the eldest, is the wife of Menno P. Yoder; Amos died when four years old. Catherine (Zook) Yoder, when married, was living on the farm later occupied by herself and Mr. Yoder. The farm belonged to her three sons, but she owned a life estate. Later Mr. Yoder bought this farm and devoted the rest of his life to its cultivation after he

came to Wayne county, and ended his days on this old homestead. He was one of the most prominent and esteemed men in the township. He had an excellent memory and was well posted on current events. Of amiable disposition, fair and just in his dealings, he had many friends.

SAMUEL MATTY.

A large number of the best citizens of Wayne county, Ohio, have come from Switzerland and, without exception, they have greatly benefited themselves since coming to our shores, for they are thrifty and soon get possession of valuable property. One of this number is Samuel Matty, whose birth occurred in Switzerland on February 10, 1851, the son of Samuel and Magdalena (Reben) Matty. His maternal grandfather was Stephen Reben, and his paternal grandfather was John Matty, both natives of Switzerland, in which country they spent their lives. Samuel Matty, father of the subject, was also born in Switzerland, in which country he kept a tavern, and his death occurred in 1858; his widow and three children came to America, where the mother lived until her death, in 1897. Besides Samuel, of this review, there were two daughters. The trip to the United States was made in 1868. The family first located in the state of Tennessee, but after a short residence moved to Ohio, where they remained for two years; then lived one year in Wisconsin, after which they returned to Wayne county, Ohio, locating at Overton in 1871, and they have lived in Chester township ever since. For a period of twenty-one years the family lived on the Rumbaugh farm as renters. In 1892 the son, Samuel, bought seventy-six acres of the Guidlesperger estate near Burbank. This place was first rented, then sold, and later Mr. Matty bought the William Howman farm and moved thereto; from that farm he moved on the farm on which he now lives, which was for some time known as the old Lehr farm or Felgar farm. Mr. Matty is the owner of two hundred and seventy-five acres of excellent land which he has so skillfully managed as to cause it to yield abundant harvests from year to year. He remodeled the dwelling and barn, making them comfortable and up-to-date. He handles a good grade of all kinds of livestock, and in connection with his general farming, they net him a fine annual income. Mr. Matty now lives practically retired, his son doing most of the work about the farm.

Samuel Matty was married to Josephine Mowrer in Overton. She is a native of Wayne county and the daughter of Jonas and Barbara Mowrer, old settlers of Wayne county, Mr. Mowrer being one of the well known early veterinary surgeons.



SAMUEL MATTY

To Mr. and Mrs. Matty seven children have been born, namely: Edward S., James E., Frank J., Magdalena J., Jacob P., Emma Mae and Augusta Jeanette. The mother of these children passed to her rest on July 24, 1904, and was buried in Bethel cemetery.

Politically Mr. Matty is a Democrat, and he has long taken considerable interest in local affairs, having served four years, or two terms, as township treasurer. He is a member of the Reformed church, of which his wife was also a member.

HIRAM McCANCE.

It is eminently fitting that in this work be entered a memoir of the honored subject of this review, who was one of the influential citizens of Wayne county, where he passed his entire life, lending his aid in reclaiming this section of the state from the sylvan wilds, enduring the vicissitudes and disadvantages of the pioneer epoch and ever ordering his life according to the highest principles of honor and integrity, thus gaining and retaining the confidence and good-will of his fellow men. He was a man of indomitable perseverance, distinct individuality and most kindly nature, and now that he has passed forward to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," he leaves the legacy of an unblemished life and one that was prolific in usefulness and worthy example.

Hiram McCance was born September 2, 1835, on the farm where he spent his last days and where his widow now resides. He was a son of James Dixon and Isabelle (Gilmore) McCance, and a grandson of James McCance. The latter came to this state in a very early day and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, the two deeds for which, eighty acres each, were signed by President Andrew Jackson. It is worthy of note in this connection that the eighty-acre tract now owned by Mrs. McCance has never been out of the possession of the McCance family. James Dixon McCance was a native of Pennsylvania, in which state he was married. Soon after that event he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and located on the land which had been entered by his father, but which was never occupied by the latter. James D. McCance was a progressive and enterprising man and he proceeded at once to the task of developing a farm out of the wilderness which at that time characterized the land. He succeeded in this effort and in due time was accounted one of the most successful and prominent men of his township. He was a member of the Presby-

terian church and took an active interest in the work of the church, giving to it an earnest and generous support at all times. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics and took an active interest in local public affairs. Fraternally, he was a member of the order of Malita. To James D. and Isabella McCance were born four children, of whom two died in infancy.

Hiram McCance was reared in the parental home and secured his education in the schools of the township. He was reared to the life of a farmer and never moved his residence from the farm on which he was born. After completing his education he took up the vocation of teaching and for several years he engaged in teaching schools in Indiana. After his marriage he returned to agricultural pursuits, in which line he continued to be engaged until his death, which occurred on the 13th of October, 1899. He was an indefatigable worker and was progressive in his methods, keeping in touch with the most advanced ideas relating to the science of agriculture. He made many permanent and substantial improvements on his property, and at the time of his death it was considered one of the fine and fertile farms of the township. Mr. McCance was an ardent Republican in political faith and took a particular interest in educational matters, being a man of considerable influence in the community. His religious belief was embraced in the creed of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a leading member, serving as a trustee of the church at Fredericksburg. Fraternally, he was an appreciative member of the time-honored order of Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to the lodge at Wooster.

Mr. McCance was united in marriage to Elvira Gailey, who was born near Dalton, Wayne county, Ohio, a daughter of Robert and Martha (Pinkerton) Gailey, who were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania. These parents were married in their native state, and soon afterward came to Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, Ohio, where they followed farming. To Hiram and Elvira McCance were born the following children: Alpha, deceased; Albert G., who married Blanche Armstrong and lives in Cleveland; Mary Helen, at home; Lucile, at home. Mr. McCance was a man of splendid personal qualities and stood well in the community in which he had passed practically his entire life. Of an optimistic temperament and genial disposition, he readily made friends and was accounted one of the most popular men in the community in which he lived. Mrs. McCance, who is still living in the old home, is a woman of many gracious qualities, whose friends are in number as her acquaintances, and her attractive home is ever open for the reception of her associates.

LOUIS EMERSON AUKERMAN.

Louis E. Aukerman is a native of the township in which he now lives, having been born within a half mile of his present residence on the 29th of February, 1848. He is the son of Christopher and Rebecca (Clinker) Aukerman, both of whom are also natives of Ohio. The subject's paternal grandparents, George and Rebecca Aukerman, were born in Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. In a very early day they came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled in Congress township, where they spent the rest of their days, and died. Much the same detail might be written concerning the subject's maternal grandparents, Samuel Clinker and wife, as they too came in a very early day from their native Keystone state, and they too made their future home in Wayne county. Christopher Aukerman and Rebecca Clinker were reared in their respective homes and after their marriage they went to farming, in which they were successful, the father owning at the time of his death over three hundred acres of land in Congress township. He was a prominent member of the United Brethren church and was a man of much influence in the community. His death occurred in 1898 and his wife died in 1889. They were the parents of nine children, of whom five are living at the present time. They were a worthy couple and their memory is held sacred by those who remember them.

Louis Aukerman remained with his parents during his youth and secured his education in the common schools of Congress township. He has during his subsequent years supplemented his school learning by liberal reading and close observation, and is a well informed man. After completing his education Mr. Aukerman assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, remaining with him until 1870, when his father gave him a farm of forty acres lying in Congress township, but a short distance from the home farm, and to this place Mr. Aukerman has since given his undivided attention. Here he carried on general farming, raising all the crops common to this section of the country, and in connection therewith he devotes considerable attention to the breeding and raising of livestock, which also he has found a profitable business. He is methodical in his work, is industrious in his habits and progressive in his ideas, in view of which facts there can be little wonder that he has made a distinctive success of his enterprise. He occupies a high standing in the opinion of his fellow-agriculturists and in many ways he occupies a leading position in the community.

In politics Mr. Aukerman holds to the faith of his father and renders an

earnest support to the party of Jefferson and Jackson. He is not an aspirant for public office, but gives a thoughtful and intelligent attention to the affairs of the township and county.

On August 18, 1870, Mr. Aukerman was united in marriage to Catherine Ballinger, who was born in Monroe county, Ohio, in 1850, the daughter of Joseph and Lydia Ballinger, natives of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Aukerman have been born seven children, namely: Lydia Jane, Susan, Amanda, Minnie, Joseph Christopher, L. F. and Charles. Joseph and Lydia were very early settlers of Monroe county, Ohio, where Mr. Ballinger followed his trade, that of shinglemaking. He was a quiet and unassuming man and lived a comparatively retired life. His death occurred in 1900, and that of his wife in 1902. They were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom five are living.

SIDNEY GRANT SOLIDAY.

The Solidays have constituted one of the leading families of Wayne county, members of the same having been leaders in the industrial and social life of the community since the days that historians are pleased to refer to as "early." One of this number that should claim our attention for a time is S. G. Soliday, a farmer of Plain township, whose life has been one of calm, consecutive endeavor and one that has resulted in good both to himself and his neighbors. He was born in this township, March 30, 1864, and he is the son of John and Susan (Sparr) Soliday, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents of the subject were Jacob and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Soliday, both natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1836 and settled in the northeast quarter of section 26, Plain township, buying a farm there and clearing it and making other improvements. He later moved to what is now the A. R. Eberhart place in Plain township, remaining there until their deaths. S. G. Soliday's maternal grandparents were Peter and Katherine (Snader) Sparr, the former a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, who, in 1834, came to the northeast quarter of section 15, Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio, buying the farm where the subject now lives. There he reared a large family, nine members of which grew to maturity. Four of his sons, Peter, John, William and Benjamin, were soldiers in the Civil war. Two brothers of John Soliday, Abraham and Jacob, were also soldiers in the Federal army; Jacob died at Vicksburg.



MR. AND MRS. S. G. SOLIDAY

John Soliday, father of S. G. Soliday, received his education in the common schools of Wayne county. When he reached maturity he learned the trade of millwright, which he followed for several years, then bought the Starr homestead and there he lived until his death. Politically he was a Democrat and took an active part in the affairs of his party, serving his township as trustee and assessor. He was a member of the Lutheran church. To Mr. and Mrs. John Soliday four children were born, namely: Ida, who married A. S. Alexander; W. A., a grocer in Shreve, Ohio; S. G., the subject of this sketch; L. L., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. John Soliday died on September 26, 1893, and was buried in Plain cemetery. Mrs. Soliday makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Alexander.

S. G. Soliday was educated in the common schools of his native community and at Smithville Academy, receiving an excellent text-book training. After leaving the school room he took up farming on the home place, having spent his life there. He has a well cultivated and well managed farm of eighty acres, carrying on general farming and stock raising, being very successful in both.

Mr. Soliday was married in 1894 to Mina Rickabaugh, daughter of John Rickabaugh, whose life record is given in the sketch of F. L. Rickabaugh on another page of this work. The subject and wife are the parents of one interesting daughter, bearing the good old Bible name, Ruth.

Mr. Soliday is a member of the Lutheran church and Mrs. Soliday belongs to the Disciple church. The former belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a Democrat in politics and he served very faithfully as township clerk from 1894 to 1895. He is now a member of the local school board, having been elected to this position in 1907.

JOHN FRANKLIN GEISELMAN.

Among those men who have lived in Wayne county and gained for themselves the highest esteem and the unbounded confidence of the entire community, probably none stood higher than John Franklin Geiselman, who passed from the scenes of his earthly labor on the 16th of September, 1893. He was born in Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 6th of November, 1857. His paternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Miller) Geiselman, who during their early life lived at New Franklin, Columbiana county, Ohio, but subsequently moved to Wayne county, locating on land

which was located partly in East Union and partly in Franklin townships. His maternal grandparents were Caleb and Julia Ann (Hooper) Francis, who were both born in Maryland, the grandfather on February 20, 1812, and the grandmother on January 18, 1817. They were married on July 29, 1834, and soon afterwards came to Harrison county, Ohio. Subsequently they moved to Tuscarawas county, and later to Coshocton county, where he died on July 28, 1843. His widow later married again and eventually settled in East Union township, Wayne county, where her death occurred on December 21, 1851, and her remains are buried at Apple Creek, this county. To Caleb and Julia Francis were born the following children: Sarah Elizabeth, mother of the subject; Charles T., born August 16, 1836, died February 2, 1852; Ann Eliza, born August 24, 1835, now deceased; Mary E., born March 22, 1840, died August 19, 1843; Caleb B., born April 9, 1842, died in 1907. The subject's maternal great-grandfather, Michael Hooper, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

The subject's father, Cyrenius Geiselman, was born January 18, 1833, at New Franklin, Columbiana county, Ohio, and subsequently moved with his family to Wayne county. There he received a fair education in the common schools, supplementing this with attendance at an academy at Apple Creek. On reaching mature years he engaged in farming and eventually bought the homestead in which his widow now resides, and there he spent the remaining years of his life. Cyrenius Geiselman was an enterprising and progressive farmer, in which vocation he was fairly successful, and during his later years he also took the agency for farming machinery, in which also he was successful. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Fredericksburg and was a popular man in the circles in which he moved. He took an active part in politics and local affairs and rendered efficient service as a trustee of his township. In religion he was a faithful member of the Lutheran church, to which he gave an earnest and liberal support. His death occurred on October 12, 1884. At Wooster, Ohio, on August 31, 1854, he married Sarah Elizabeth Francis, whose birth occurred in Harrison county, Ohio, on the 5th of May, 1835, and they became the parents of the following children: Julia Ann, born July 8, 1855, died March 31, 1883, became the wife of Allen Derr, also deceased, and they became the parents of two children, Ada Alice, who married a Mr. Williams, and Cyrenius Derr; John Franklin, the immediate subject of this sketch; Caleb Francis, born October 18, 1861, died December 15, 1861; Mary Ettie, born December 14, 1862, died December 26, 1862; Emma Loretta, born August 3, 1864, is the wife of Peter U. Martin, of Hampton township, Summit

county, Ohio, and they have had six children, four of whom are living, Ada, Anna B., Wesley and Walter. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Geiselman remained a widow eleven years, and then, on the 3d of September, 1895, she became the wife of David Lawrence, who is now deceased. She is now residing on the old homestead in Franklin township.

John F. Geiselman was reared under the parental roof-tree and secured his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. He was reared to the life of a farmer and always followed that vocation in Franklin township, excepting the last six months of his life, when he resided in Woods county, this state. He was a hard working man and progressive in his methods, and he enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him. He possessed personal qualities of the highest order and readily made friends, who remained loyal to him. A staunch Democrat in politics, he took a deep and commendable interest in local affairs and his influence was ever given to all movements that promised to benefit the community. He was a member of the Lutheran church and took an active part in the various activities of that society. His death occurred on September 16, 1893, and his remains now lie in the Franklin cemetery.

On the 11th of June, 1881, Mr. Geiselman was united in marriage to Alzuma A. Franks, who was born in Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, March 29, 1864, a daughter of Cornelius and Harriet (Lawrence) Franks. Cornelius Franks was born in Franklin township, this county, and the major part of his life was spent here, his last few years being spent on a farm four miles south of Shreve, in Holmes county. Harriet Lawrence was a daughter of Benjamin Lawrence. Cornelius and Harriet Franks were the parents of the following children: Loretta, who is the wife of William Butler, of Barberton, Ohio; Alzuma, who is the widow of the subject of this sketch; Ellsworth, who lives in Holmes county; Ardella, the wife of James Tate, of Holmes county; Malissa, the wife of Frank Hostetter, of Holmes county; Lula, the wife of Albert Snyder, also of Holmes county; Thomas, of Holmes county. To Mr. and Mrs. Geiselman were born children as follows: Thomas, born December 24, 1882, died at the age of seven years; Carl Dean, born January 4, 1885, married Cora Sturgess, and lives in Franklin township; Alta Myrtle, born March 13, 1885; William, born February 17, 1890, died February 18, 1890; Lillie Malissa, born March 6, 1891; John Myron, born February 11, 1893; the four last named are living at home with their mother.

Mrs. Geiselman is a lady of splendid womanly qualities, and in the

church and social circles in which she moves she is well liked by all who know her. She is a member of the Lutheran church and is an active and effectual worker in its various departments. She maintains a personal supervision over the home farm and possesses business qualities of a high order.

JOHN ROBERT SNYDER.

Few sections of Ohio can boast of more thrifty, industrious or enterprising farmers than those of Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio. Handsome residences, substantial and commodious barns and sightly and well-kept fences are the rule in this part of the county. The livestock is well cared for and everything presents a prosperous and inviting appearance. The people are intelligent and studious and have given to their vocation a practical study which has guaranteed success under anything near a normal condition. One of the best and most systematic of these farmers is J. Rob. Snyder, whose fine and fertile farm is located in section 6, of Franklin township, and whose success during the years he has lived here has been commensurate with the intelligent and thoughtful labor he has bestowed.

J. Rob. Snyder is a native son of the old Buckeye state, having first seen the light of day in Holmes county on the 9th of March, 1853. He is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Miller) Snyder, both of whom were natives of Union county, Pennsylvania. They, in company with the paternal grandfather, Jacob Snyder, came to Ohio in about 1835, locating in Wayne county, later going to Holmes county, but subsequently returning to Wayne county, where the remainder of their lives were passed. They were faithful and active members of the Lutheran church. After Daniel Snyder had lived in this state a few years and had definitely determined to make it his future home, he returned to Pennsylvania by horseback and there married the sweetheart whom he had left behind when he started westward on his prospecting trip. Loading their effects in a one-horse wagon, they came to their Wayne county home, later going to Holmes county. They later returned to Wayne county in 1864. Their remains now lie buried in the cemetery at Wooster. They were the parents of the following children: Henry, who is now deceased, was a soldier in the Civil war, being a member of Company B, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Samuel died during his service in the army, having been a member of the same company

and regiment as his brother; George died in infancy; Susan is the wife of H. B. Rayl, of Lake county, Ohio; Civilla is the widow of Perry Yernall and makes her home at Wooster; Elizabeth lives at Wooster; James Q. lives in Wooster township; John Robert, the subject of this sketch.

J. Rob. Snyder was reared in his Holmes county home until he was about twelve years of age, when the family moved back to Wayne county. He secured a fair education in the common schools and was reared to the life of a farmer. He remained with his parents until the time of his marriage, in 1879, when he moved onto the splendid farm which he now occupies. The place comprises one hundred and sixty acres and is one of the most fertile and productive farms in the township. All the improvements on the place have been made by the subject and he has given at all times an intelligent direction to his operations, so that he has been enabled to realize handsome returns for the labor bestowed. The buildings on the place are all well built and present an attractive appearance, the general aspect of the property indicating the owner to be a man of right ideas. He here carries on a general line of farming and stock raising and is numbered among the progressive and successful farmers in his community. In 1895 Mr. Snyder erected the grain elevator at Kauke, this county, and has continued to operate it since that time. The elevator is well built and is capacious, a large business being done through it annually.

Mr. Snyder was married to Amanda Hoffman and they have become the parents of the following children: Leotta, deceased; Daniel Bonnell and Catherine. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Moorland, of which the subject is one of the trustees, and to this society they give an earnest and generous support. In politics Mr. Snyder renders a staunch allegiance to the Republican party, and takes an active part in advancing its interests in the community, though he is not in any sense a seeker himself after the honors or emoluments of public office. He is a man of progressive ideas and practical methods and his success has been well merited. As a man of strict morality, the community can ask for no better; as a man of integrity, no district can boast of a citizen more honest, and as a man of intelligence he ranks high, enjoying the unbounded respect and esteem of those with whom he associates.

ABBOTT LAWRENCE.

Abbott Lawrence is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Wayne county. When the greater part of this county was in its primitive condition, when its lands were wild and untamed, when its streams

were unbridged, its forests uncut and when the work of progress and improvement was a thing of the future, the Lawrence family was founded here by Benjamin Lawrence, the grandfather of the subject, and since that time different members of the family have contributed in large measure to the general improvement and substantial advancement which have brought about the present wonderful prosperity which characterizes this section of the state.

Abbott Lawrence, who is now one of the successful and influential farmers of Franklin township, was born in this township, February 17, 1854, and is the son of David and Sarah (Force) Lawrence. The subject's paternal grandfather, Benjamin Lawrence, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, from whence he came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1818, settling in Saltcreek township, where he entered land from the government. He proceeded to improve the land and made that his home during the remainder of his life. He was the father of the following children: Benjamin, John (who died young), Samuel, Jacob, David, Henry, all of whom are now deceased. The subject's father, David Lawrence, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on September 21, 1816, and was therefore but two years of age when the family moved to their new home in the Buckeye state. He was reared and educated in Saltcreek township, and continued to reside there until his marriage, when he moved to Franklin township and bought a farm, the land embracing that on which the Lutheran church now stands. His purchase included eighty acres, but at various times he added to it. The land had been but slightly improved, but he went to work energetically and by dint of much and persistent hard work and good judgment he developed it into one of the best farms in the locality. He erected a set of commodious and well-arranged buildings, erected good fences and in other ways evinced the fact that he was enterprising and progressive in spirit and methods. He took an active and important part in the early development of the community and gave material assistance in the erection of the old Lutheran church, having donated the land for the same. He and his wife were active workers and stanch supporters of this church. His political affiliation was with the Democratic party, in the councils of which he took a leading part. He served several terms as trustee and also as a member of the school board and in other capacities he exerted a healthy influence on the life of the community. To David and Sarah Lawrence were born the following children: Jane, who is the wife of William Greenwald, of Franklin township; Clinton, of Wooster, Ohio; Abbott, the immediate subject of this review; Florence, who is the wife of Josiah Morr, of Franklin township. Sarah (Force) Lawrence, the mother of these children, was born in 1821 in

Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of John Force, who also was one of the earliest settlers of Saltcreek township, this county. Her death occurred on August 21, 1893. David Lawrence, besides being a successful farmer, also worked at the carpenter trade and assisted in the erection of many of the best buildings and churches in the county. He was also engaged for thirty years in the operation of a portable sawmill. After the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. Sarah Geiselman, who is still living. His death occurred on the 7th of November, 1903.

Abbott Lawrence was reared by his parents and secured his education in the district schools of the community. He was early initiated into the work of the farm, and after the completion of his education he became his father's assistant on the farm, and, with the latter, was also engaged for thirty years in the operation of the portable sawmill. Prior to going into the sawmill business, he had taken possession of his present farm in Franklin township, where he has lived continuously for thirty-one years. The place, which comprises thirty-two acres, is most eligibly located and is kept in the best of condition by the subject, who thoroughly understands the secrets of successful agriculture. He has made all the improvements on the place, including the erection of the attractive house, commodious barn and other outbuildings, and the planting of many fine fruit, forest and ornamental trees, which abound on every hand. He is progressive in his methods and is a good business manager, so that he has been enabled to realize a comfortable income in return for the labor bestowed. He raises all the crops common to this section of the country and also devotes some attention to the raising of livestock, in which also he has been fairly successful.

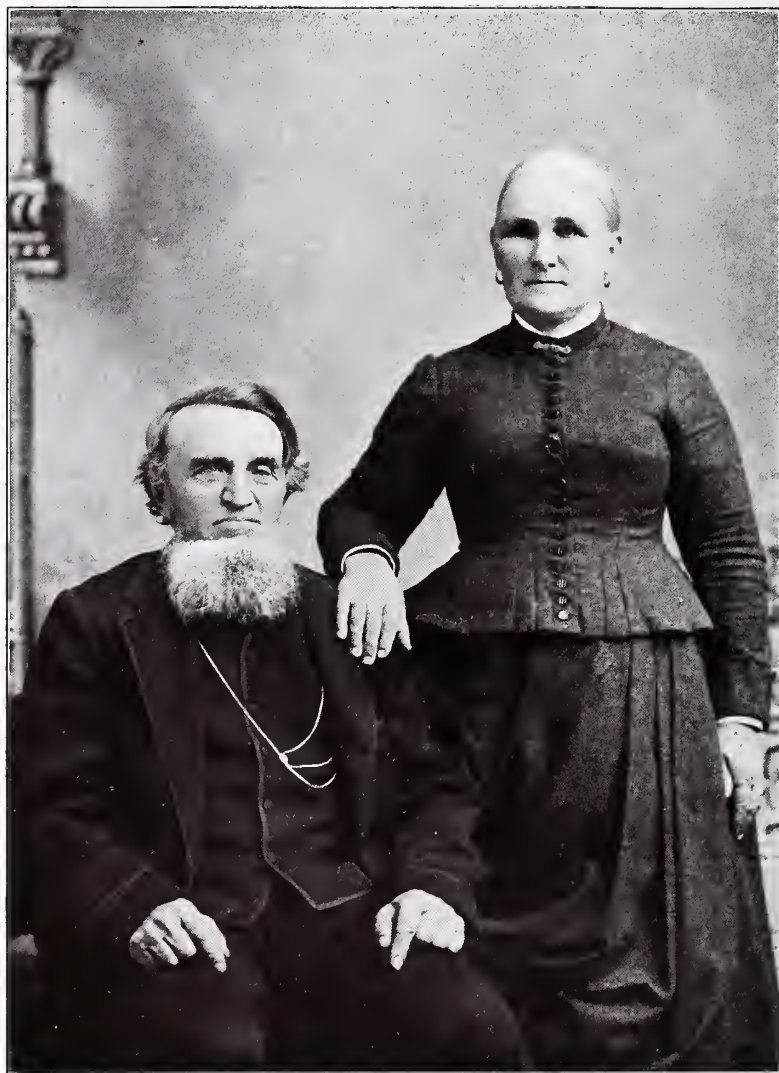
On November 2, 1876, Mr. Lawrence was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Elsie Hensel, who was born in Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Geiselman) Hensel, her mother being a daughter of Valentine Geiselman. Jacob Hensel was a native of Germany and in young manhood came to Wayne county, Ohio, settling at Moorland, where he engaged successfully in the vocation of wagon-making. After his marriage he bought a farm in Wooster township, where he resided for some time, later moving to Wayne township, where his death occurred on December 7, 1890. His widow survived him several years, dying on June 16, 1903. Their remains lie buried in the Wooster cemetery. They were both active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of the following children: Aminda Josephine, who is the wife of F. E. Reynolds, of Cleveland, Ohio; Elenora, now deceased, was the first wife of F. E. Reynolds; Elsie is the wife of the sub-

ject of this sketch; Edmund resides at Akron, Ohio; Alma, deceased; Irene is the wife of Angus McDonald and resides in the state of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have been born three children, namely: Adelbert, who lives in Akron, Ohio, has one child, Carrey, who lives with his grandparents, the subject and wife; Laverna is the wife of Bernard McCarron, of Canton, Ohio, and they have one child, L. Clayton; Pearl is the wife of Glenn Barnes and lives in Franklin township.

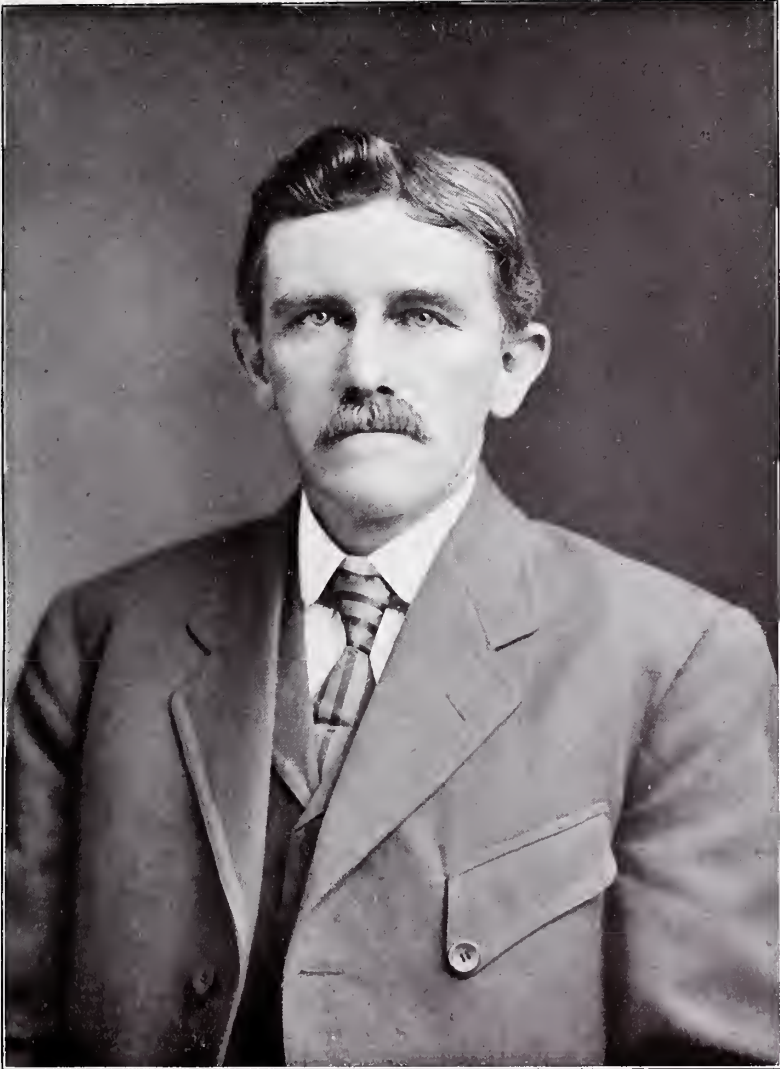
Politically, Mr. Lawrence is an ardent Democrat and takes the right sort of an interest in local affairs. Religiously, both Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence formerly held membership in the Lutheran church near their home, and the subject held prominent official position in the society, but they are now members of the Reformed church at Apple Creek. Mr. Lawrence has taken a prominent part in local public affairs, having served a number of years as trustee of the township and as a member of the school board. He has also served a number of times on the township central committee of his party. He is held in the highest esteem in the locality, being a man of responsibility, and he not only represents an honorable old family but also personally stands for all that is best in the life of the community. Because of his many fine personal qualities of character and the esteem in which he is generally held, and also because of the fact that the family which name he bears was one of the founders of Wayne county, he is eminently deserving of representation in this work.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN NIRODE.

Although many foreign countries have sent their citizens to Wayne county, Ohio, and they have figured in the various walks of life, the German empire has furnished a larger quota than any other, and while one, by way of comparison, could not say that these sons of the Fatherland have surpassed all others, it would be safe to say that none have outstripped them or made better supporters of our institutions, for they have become property owners, labored for the development of the county in many ways and have offered their services in our wars. Of this number, Adam Nirode, father of William F. Nirode, of this review, should be mentioned, for he was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1824, and he came to America with his parents, who were also natives of Germany, having made the slow trip across the Atlantic in 1833. The family settled at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In 1860 Adam Nirode left his parents in Pennsylvania and came to Wayne county, Ohio, where he first worked as a teamster and farmer, hav-



MR. AND MRS. ADAM NIRODE



WILLIAM F. NIRODE

ing done a great deal of teaming with six horses. He married Sarah Snyder, a native of Wooster township, this county. He received his education in Wayne county and lived near Blachleyville, Plain township, for many years and was living there at the time of his death. He was a Democrat in politics and had always been a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. To Adam Nirode and wife five children were born, namely: William Franklin, of this review; George; Sarah Alice, deceased; Levina and Edward.

Joseph Snyder and wife, the maternal grandparents of William F. Nirode, were early farmers of Wayne county.

William F. Nirode was born in Wooster township, Wayne county, Ohio, January 19, 1862, and he received his education in the common schools of Greene and Plain townships. Early in life he began farming and, when a boy, he loved to watch the threshing machines when they visited his vicinity, usually following them about until they went to another neighborhood, declaring that when he got to be a man he would operate one of his own; consequently he has been a thresher all his mature life. However he has also managed a saw-mill and farmed in connection with threshing, but of late years he has not engaged in the saw-mill business. He has now given up the threshing business, which is being carried on by his son Chester. He has a good farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres in Plain township which he keeps well tilled and well stocked and on which he has a cozy home and excellent barns.

Mr. Nirode was twice married, first on January 8, 1885, to Isadore Obenour, and to this union two children were born, Chester and Wayne. February 8, 1903, Mr. Nirode married for his second wife Martha Naylor, who has borne him one child, William Earl. Mrs. Nirode is the daughter of Sylvester and Julia (Colman) Naylor, of Clinton township, Wayne county. Mrs. Naylor died in March, 1903, and is buried in Newkirk cemetery, near Lakeville, Ohio.

Religiously Mr. Nirode is a Lutheran, and in politics he supports the Democratic ticket; fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN C. SANDERSON.

It is a pleasing indulgence to refer to the life and achievements of a man who has been so long and so prominently identified with the material activities of a community as has the subject of this review, and who stands con-

spicuously forward among the leading factors in the continued growth and prosperity of one of the most flourishing and substantial sections of the great Buckeye commonwealth.

John C. Sanderson, who occupies an enviable position among the leading agriculturists of Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, is a native of the township in which he now lives, his birth having occurred there on February 10, 1855. His paternal grandparents were Alexander and Rebecca Sanderson, who came by horseback overland from Pennsylvania to Wayne county in 1817. They settled in what is now section 13, Franklin township, and which at that time was densely covered with the original forest growth, in the midst of which roamed Indians and many varieties of wild animals. These worthy pioneers erected a rude log cabin and at once set themselves to the task of clearing the land and putting it in cultivation. This tract entered by Alexander Sanderson comprised three hundred and twenty acres, and a part of this is still held in the Sanderson family. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson spent the remainder of their lives on this place, and during their active years they made great progress in the development of the land into a good farm. They were worthy and highly esteemed persons and were leaders in their community. In politics, Alexander Sanderson was a Democrat, and in religion he was a member of the Presbyterian church at Fredericksburg, of which he was an elder for many years. To Alexander and Rebecca Sanderson were born the following children: James, John, Alexander, David, William, George, Nathan, Jane and Ann. Of these, all are now dead but George, who lives at Shreve, this county. Nathan died at the age of twenty-one years. Jane was the wife of Charles Kittlewell, and Ann became the wife of Robert Reed.

John Sanderson, the second in the order of birth in the above-mentioned family of Alexander and Rebecca Sanderson, was born on the Franklin township farm, and was there reared, his education being received in the district schools of the township. When he had grown to manhood he married Caroline Shaw, who was a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, her parents having died when she was quite young. After his marriage John Sanderson bought part of the home farm from his father and proceeded to give attention to its cultivation. Being a carpenter by trade, and a very proficient workman, he erected his own house and barns and in many other ways made substantial improvements. In connection with his farming operations he did a good deal of carpenter work throughout the neighboring country. He was a widely known and highly respected man and spent his entire life on this farm where he had had his beginning. He was a stanch Demo-

crat in politics and a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. John and Caroline Sanderson became the parents of the following children: Robert, of Niles, Ohio; John C., the immediate subject of this sketch; James, of Holmes county, Ohio; Mary Jane, who was the wife of Perry E. Sherman but is now deceased; Hiram lives in Saltcreek township, this county; Amos, a successful dentist at Orrville, Ohio; Ida E., the wife of Charles Ramsey, of Fredericksburg, Ohio; Edward, also of Fredericksburg. The parents of these children are now deceased, and their remains lie side by side in the East cemetery at Fredericksburg. They were a worthy couple and few persons ever lived in this section who more wholly enjoyed the respect and esteem of the entire community. They were active agencies in the development of this region and their enthusiastic support was always given to movements that promised to benefit the community in any way.

John C. Sanderson was reared by his parents and is indebted to the common schools of the neighborhood for his mental training. He remained with his parents until his marriage, when he started out on his own account and has since been engaged continuously in agricultural pursuits. He is the owner of three hundred and thirty-eight acres of as fine land as can be found in this section of the county and, owing to his energy, enterprise and progressive spirit, he has been enabled annually to realize handsome returns for the labor he has bestowed on it. On this place he erected a neat and attractive residence and other buildings and has in many other ways brought the place up to the highest standard of excellence. He is methodical in his work and gives his personal attention to every detail of the work, so that nothing is left undone that would contribute to the success of his operations. In addition to the tilling of the soil he gives some attention to the raising of livestock, in which also he has met with a gratifying degree of success.

On the 20th of January, 1881, John C. Sanderson was united in marriage to Maryetta Moore, who was born in Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio, November 1, 1859, a daughter of William Butler and Susan (Martin) Moore. William Moore was a native of New Jersey but is now deceased, while his widow now makes her home near Fredericksburg, this county. To the subject and his wife were born the following children: Cora, Oren Martin, Susan and Ida Grace, who are all at home, and two that died in early childhood.

In his political views Mr. Sanderson clings to the faith of his fathers, the Democratic, but he has never aspired to public office or preferment of any nature. His religious membership is in the Presbyterian church at Fred-

ericksburg, of which he is a trustee, and in other ways takes a leading and prominent part. Mr. Sanderson is known throughout the township in which he lives as an honest, industrious and enterprising man, one who has always had the good of his friends and neighbors at heart. No more loyal and helpful man can be found in the township than he, as he has in every way possible striven to exert his influence in such a manner as to effect the best general results.

JACOB KRICK.

The German element in Wayne county, Ohio, has played a conspicuous part in transforming it into one of the two leading counties of the Union and of this worthy number Jacob Krick must have a place. He was born in Rheinberne, Germany, January 13, 1833, the son of Jacob and Margaret (Wert) Krick. They were the parents of three children, Philip, Jacob and Phoebe.

Jacob Krick, of this review, came to the United States in 1852 and settled in Wayne county, Ohio. He had limited means when he came here, consequently hired out to work on the farm by the year at about nine dollars per month. He was married, in 1857, to Elizabeth Wert, who was reared in Greene township, this county. After his marriage, Mr. Krick was employed by the day. In time he moved to Holmes county, adjoining Wayne on the south, and there he rented land until he moved to the present farm in 1864. He rented it until 1873, when he bought the farm of ninety acres, having made by his own efforts enough money to defray the expenses of the purchase. He has always been a hard worker and a good manager and deserves a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished considering that he started with nothing. He has a good farm and it yields a comfortable income from year to year.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Krick nine children were born, seven of whom are living in 1909, namely: Katherine, wife of George Smith, of Orrville; Mary, wife of Jacob Seigley; Anna, wife of John Grant; Margaret, single, is living in Medina county, this state; Charles, whose sketch appears on another page of this work; Philip, who is single; Frederick has also remained unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Krick have ten grandchildren, namely: Ward Smith, Ellis G. Seigler, Esther Seigler, Ann and John Grant, Erin J., Gladys E., Charles and Russell Grant; Mildred, Mabel and Ruth Krick.

Mr. Krick and members of his family belong to the Reformed church at Orrville, this county. Politically Jacob Krick is a Democrat. He is well known in the eastern part of Wayne county and is a man of fine personal traits.

THOMAS H. LITSINGER.

Year has been added to year and decade to decade until the aggregate of three-quarters of a century has been attained since the time when the subject of this sketch came to Wayne county, of which his father was a pioneer. The latter lived here until attaining a venerable age, and as a man whose life had been such as to retain to him the high esteem of his fellow men. When the family took up their residence here the section was in many respects still practically a frontier region, awaiting the awakening touch of the sturdy pioneers who would still further transform its wild lands into rich and productive farms and beautiful homes, establish villages, churches, schools and various commercial and industrial enterprises and thus continue the inceptive work of reclaiming the country for the uses and blessing of mankind. The natural advantages of this section attracted at an early day a superior class of settlers,—a thrifty, industrious, progressive and law-abiding people, whose influence has given permanent direction to the work of development and material advancement. Of this type was the father of the subject, Darius Litsinger, who was born at Towsontown, Maryland, March 25, 1805. He was there reared and educated, and on attaining manhood's years he took unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Mary Ann Bucher. She was born at Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1808, and was a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Bucher. Her mother was born January 5, 1776, and died April 16, 1873, she and her husband being now buried in the cemetery at Moorland, Ohio. In the fall of 1834 Darius Litsinger brought his family to Wayne county, Ohio, being accompanied also by Christian and Elizabeth Bucher, and they located in the neighborhood of where the subject of this sketch now lives. Their journey overland was made in a four-horse wagon and was a long and wearisome journey. Darius and Mary Litsinger spent the remaining years of their life here and became prominently and favorably known throughout the community. He was first a Democrat in politics, but from the time of the candidacy of William Henry Harrison he remained allied with the Republican party. He and his wife were earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church at

Moorland, Mr. Litsinger having served efficiently as trustee of the same. They were the parents of the following children: William died young; Thomas, Joseph, Charles, Richard, Matilda and Elizabeth are deceased; Susan is the wife of Martin Scott and lives at Apple Creek; Ellen, deceased, was the wife of John Weiker. Darius Litsinger died on the 1st of April, 1885, and his wife on December 10, 1890, their remains being buried in the cemetery at Moorland.

Thomas H. Litsinger, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, near the city of Baltimore, August 27, 1834. He was a baby when the family emigrated to their new home in the Buckeye state and here he was reared and has spent the subsequent years of his life. He secured his education in the district schools of the neighborhood, and, owing to the somewhat primitive equipment and methods which characterized the schools of those early days, his educational opportunities were somewhat limited. Besides most of his time, when old enough, was devoted to the strenuous work of clearing the land and putting it in cultivation, in which work he was an able assistant to his father. He has always resided in Franklin township and since 1860 has resided continuously on his present fine farm, which is located in section 20. He has devoted most of his time to farming, in which he has been fairly successful, owing to his enterprising and progressive methods. In connection with agriculture, he has also worked much at carpentering, in which he is proficient, and has had a hand in erecting some of the best buildings in this section of the county. He is energetic and has all his life been actively engaged in work of some nature. He enjoys a splendid reputation among those who know him best and all esteem him for his genuine worth.

Mr. Litsinger married Jane G. Gabriel, who was born in 1836, the daughter of Thomas and Ann (Jones) Gabriel. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, having come to Ohio in 1830 and located one mile east of Moorland, where they built a commodious and substantial stone house. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were active in all good works. Mr. Gabriel was a Republican in politics. Going further back in the ancestral record of Mrs. Litsinger, it is noted that her paternal grandfather was Jacob Gabriel and her maternal grandfather was Daniel Jones, both of whom were born, lived and died in Pennsylvania. To Thomas and Ann Gabriel were born the following children: James, David, Jacob, Phoebe, Margaret, John, Caleb, Elizabeth (who married Solomon Tate), Martha, Jane (wife of the subject). Besides those mentioned above, three died in infancy, and Mrs. Litsinger is the only one of the children now living. To Mr. and

Mrs. Litsinger have been born the following children: Ellen, of this township; Hannah is the wife of William Jacot, of East Union township, this county, and they have two children, Mabel and Eleanor.

Mr. Litsinger is a staunch Democrat in his political belief and has taken a live and commendable interest in local public affairs, having rendered very satisfactory service as treasurer of the township. He and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a member of the official board in the capacity of steward. He has long been numbered among the leading farmers and public-spirited citizens of his township. He has maintained his property at the highest standard of excellence, the appearance of the place indicating the owner to be a man of excellent taste and sound judgment.

THOMAS PENDLETON BROWN.

There is no positive rule for achieving success, and yet in the life of the successful man there are always lessons which might well be followed. The man who gains prosperity is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that come in his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly, after all; and when one man passes another on the highway of life to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started out before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which properly encompass the whole human race.

Such thoughts are prompted by a study of the life record of Thomas Pendleton Brown, of Wooster, one of the most skillful civil engineers in this section of the Buckeye state, and he has achieved his envied position in this calling solely through individual efforts, with many obstacles against him, but he has surmounted them, one by one, and, while yet a young man, his labors have been crowned by success, and the future holds much of promise for him.

Mr. Brown is a native of Wooster, having been born here on January 19, 1876, and he has continued to make Wayne county his home. He is the son of John B. and Marilla (Koch) Brown, being the eldest of their children. The father, for many years a well-known citizen of Wooster, was at one time deputy sheriff, filling out the unexpired term of Ethan A. Brown, turning over the office, which he had very creditably filled, to his successor in 1889.

Thomas P. Brown was always an ambitious lad, but not having a very flattering prospect to gain an education in his boyhood days, he set out to

educate himself and he has succeeded admirably well. He passed through the Wooster high school and the Bixler Business College, and, as already intimated, learned civil engineering by studying at nights. In his younger years he engaged successfully for a time in the real estate business.

When the Spanish-American war broke out Mr. Brown was one of the first to volunteer his services in eradicating the tyranny of Spain, and enlisted in Company D, Eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in April, 1898. The company was well drilled and was sent to Cuba, where it remained from July 11th to the latter part of August, but, much to the disappointment of Mr. Brown and his comrades, they had no opportunity to see active service on the firing line. They were ordered home and were mustered out at Wooster on November 10, 1908, being honorably discharged.

Mr. Brown was married on December 8, 1899, to Irene Taggart, daughter of Calvin Taggart, a highly-respected family of Wooster, and this union has resulted in the birth of one child, Marilla Irene, born January 2, 1903.

Mr. Brown is an active and influential member of the Baptist church, and he belongs to the Buckeye Camp, United Spanish-American War Veterans. He was elected ditch supervisor of Wooster township, in 1909, and is giving eminent satisfaction in that capacity.

BEN DOUGLAS.

Human lives resemble the waves of the sea; they flash a few brief moments in the sunlight, marvels of power and beauty, and then are dashed upon the remorseless shores of death and disappear forever. As the mighty deep has rolled for ages past and chanted its sublime requiem and will continue to roll during the coming ages until time shall be no more, so will the waves of human life follow each other in countless succession until they mingle at last with the billows of eternity's boundless sea. The passing of any human life, however humble and unknown, is sure to give rise to a pang of anguish to some heart, but when the fell destroyer knocks audibly at the door of the useful and great and removes from earthly scenes the man of honor and influence and the benefactor of his kind, it not only means bereavement to kindred and friends, but a public calamity as well. In the largest and best sense of the term, the late Ben Douglas, of Wooster, was distinctively one of the notable men of his day and generation and as such is entitled to a conspicuous place in the annals of his city, county and state. As a citizen he was enterprising and public-spirited, as a polished



BEN DOUGLAS

and versatile author he won a wide and lasting reputation and as a friend and neighbor he combined the qualities of head and heart that won confidence and commanded respect. It is scarce less than a supererogation in outlining in a brief sketch the leading facts in his life to refer to him as a citizen in the ordinary phraseology which meets all requirements when dealing with the average man.

Mr. Douglas was a native of Wayne county, Ohio, his birth occurring here August 13, 1836, and he was summoned by the "ancient silence to the windowless palaces of rest" on July 24, 1909, after a useful and honorable career, the major part of which took shape in his native community and the city of Wooster where he had long maintained his pleasant home and where his death occurred. He was the son of James and Elizabeth W. Douglas, who at the time their son Ben was born lived in Plain township on the old Douglas homestead. They were each fine types of sterling pioneer citizens, influential there and highly respected by all who knew them.

Ben Douglas remained on the home farm, assisting with the work about the place until he was twenty years of age, in the meantime attending the district school in Jefferson. Later he entered Vermillion Institute at Hayesville, which institution he attended for a period of three years and gained a very serviceable education, which was greatly broadened in later years by promiscuous reading and special study. He early had an ambition to become an attorney, consequently he began studying the law in the office of William Orr and John Irvin, well known practitioners in the courts here during a past generation. After a year there he entered the Cleveland Law School, from which he was graduated with a very creditable record in 1861, and was admitted to the bar by the supreme court. He formed a law partnership with Joseph Downing. The Civil war came on and the office of Downing & Douglas became a recruiting office. Mr. Douglas, being intensely patriotic, did much to assist the Union cause, and he wrote the first call for volunteers, the instrument now being highly prized by the Wooster Grand Army post. During those troublous times he made many speeches over the country in an effort to induce more volunteers to go to the front, devoting the years during the war to this work, and he never returned to the law again as a practicing lawyer.

Politically, Mr. Douglas was an ardent Republican and his ability and powers as an orator naturally attracted the attention of local political leaders of his day, and in 1868, the "Grant, Colfax and Peace" campaign, he was sent on a stumping tour to California and Nevada where he made a great record as a forceful political orator. In 1882 he was appointed to a position in the

postmaster-general's office at Washington, D. C., where he soon won high favor and while in that city he corresponded for noted papers and magazines. After his return to Wooster, he became editor of *The Jacksonian*, and, although a Republican himself, he conducted the political columns of that journal and rendered it popular and influential, being a ready writer on any subject and always well advised on the current topics of the day. He was a lover of good books and owned a large and carefully selected library of the world's best and standard literature, including many old and rare volumes. As a descriptive writer he had but few equals and possibly no superiors. He was a poet of more than ordinary talent, many of his verses resembling some of those written by Moore, Holmes and Whittier, and they will doubtless continue to please and encourage many a person for generations to come, as will also much of his wholesome prose. Perhaps his greatest literary work was his "History of Wayne County," published in 1878, a thorough and comprehensive work of higher merit than the ordinary history. He left in manuscript a history of the Grand Army of the Republic. His last published work was "Wayne County Lawyers," issued in 1900, which is a treasure of its kind. In many ways he was one of the most gifted men ever born and reared in Wayne county, Ohio. He was a man of commanding presence and noted for his vitality, a characteristic of his ancestors.

The chapter in Mr. Douglas's interesting career bearing on his domestic life began in 1861, when he was married to Narcissa Newkirk, a woman of culture, education and genial address, a native of Big Prairie, Ohio, and the representative of an excellent and popular old family. She survives and is living in Wooster. This union resulted in the birth of two daughters, Mrs. Dale Lowry, of Nicholasville, Kentucky, and Mrs. Mabel Esary, of Seattle, Washington.

CHARLES ELMER METTETAL.

Charles E. Mettetal, a well-known citizen of Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio, owns and operates a valuable farm whose neat and thrifty appearance well indicates his careful supervision. Substantial improvements are surrounded by well-tilled fields, and all of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm are there found.

Mr. Mettetal traces his ancestry back to the vine-clad hills of sunny France, where lived his great-grandfather, Francis Mettetal, who in an early

day emigrated to the United States and entered land in Wayne county, the same being the farm now owned and operated by J. H. Fisher. The entire section of the state where he settled was covered with a dense forest growth, so that when the pioneers went any considerable distance from home they invariably carried a hatchet with which to "blaze" the trees, that they might not become lost. Massillon was at that time the only town of any importance in this section of the state, and that was the common trading point for all the early settlers. The maternal grandfather, Peter Mettetal, was also born in France, and was a lad of fifteen years when the family located in their new home, and his efforts were applied to the clearing of the new farm and the cultivation of the first crops. He spent the remaining years of his life on this place and died there. His son George, father of the subject of this sketch, was born on this place and lived there all his life, dying there at the age of forty-nine years, and during this period he was never outside of Wayne county. He always followed farming and was successful in that line. He was in politics an ardent Democrat, but was never a seeker after public office. He was a member of the French Reformed church, in which he was a consistent member, but, being of a retiring disposition, he never assumed a leading part. He married Rosanna Blosser, who was born near Mount Eaton, Wayne county, and whose people were originally from Switzerland. She is still living, at the age of sixty years, and makes her home with the subject, who gives her every possible attention. She and George M. Mettetal were married in this county and they became the parents of three children, Charles E., Lovie and Alva, who is deceased.

Charles E. Mettetal was born on the paternal farmstead in Saltcreek township, Wayne county, on the 13th of April, 1880, and was there reared. He secured a good practical education in the common schools of his neighborhood, principally at what was known as the Johnson school house, but, being compelled to go to work at the early age of fifteen years, his education was somewhat abbreviated. Since the age mentioned he has applied himself continuously to the cultivation of the soil, excepting four years when he lived in Akron, Ohio. He now owns and operates eighty-eight acres of the old home place and is considered among the prominent and progressive farmers of his locality. He is alert and energetic and seldom fails to secure good crops in return for the labor bestowed. He keeps in close touch with the most advanced ideas relating to the science of agriculture and does not hesitate to adopt new methods when experiment and experience have demonstrated them to be superior to old methods. His property is well improved and its general appearance indicates the owner to be a man of good taste and sound judgment.

On May 31, 1903, Mr. Mettetal was united in marriage to Mary Jane Boyer, who was born in East Union township, this county, April 8, 1881, the daughter of Abraham Boyer. Her parents were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and were early settlers in Wayne county. The subject and his wife have become the parents of two children, Harry Allen, now five years old, and Minnie, who is three years old.

In political matters Mr. Mettetal assumes an independent attitude and invariably gives his support to me rather than party, believing that the personal qualifications of a candidate for the office he seeks to be of paramount importance. The only public office he has held was that of school director, in which he rendered efficient service to his township. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Apple Creek. He gives his support to all moral, educational, social or material interests which he believes will benefit the community, and as a man of sterling worth he justly merits the high regard in which he is held.

SOLOMON SOUERS.

Among the intelligent, progressive and enterprising men who have successfully directed their attention and labors to the noble work of husbandry in Wayne county and whose prosperity has come as the result of personal effort, is Mr. Souers, one of the substantial and honored agriculturists of Saltcreek township. If one is to sojourn for any length of time in that naturally favored portion of the county, he is sure to note with appreciation the changes wrought by the hand of man to the end of securing the great fields of waving grain, the undulating meadows, with their herds and flocks, the substantial improvements and the various other conditions indicative of a prosperous agricultural community. In this connection also will be noticed the fine farm estate of the subject of this review, and here he is abiding in peace, contentment and plenty, honored by those among whom so many years of his life have been passed, and ever doing all in his power to conserve the best interests of the community.

Solomon Souers was born in the home in which he now lives, the date of his birth having been the 28th of January, 1831. He is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Franks) Souers. The father was a native of Switzerland and came to the United States with his parents when he was a young boy, locating in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Subsequently they came to Wayne county, Ohio, the father entering from the government the land in section

16, Saltcreek township, where the subject now lives. It was then all covered with the virgin forest, in which were to be found many varieties of wild animals, including bears and wolves. The country was but sparsely settled, there being but one or two houses between that place and Wooster, and at the latter point there was but one store and a few houses. The subject's mother at one time wanted some chickens, of which they had seen none since they left Pennsylvania, but to secure them she found it necessary to ride horseback a considerable distance. Eventually the land was cleared and put in cultivation and during all the subsequent years this has been considered one of the best farms in this section. It embraces one hundred and sixty acres, and is maintained in the best possible condition, due attention being paid to rotation of crops, drainage and other important features of successful agriculture, and annually produces abundant crops in return for the labor bestowed upon it.

Jacob Souers was a Democrat in political faith, but was not inclined to take a prominent part in public affairs, never having held any office. He was a faithful member of the Reformed church at Mount Eaton and took an active interest in the workings of the society. In Pennsylvania Mr. Souers married Elizabeth Franks, who was born in Fayette county, that state, and to them were born the following children: George, who died at the age of eighty-five years; Jacob, who is now living at the age of ninety-seven years; Reason, who died at the age of ninety-three years; John died at the age of seventy-five years; Simeon died at the age of seventy-five years; Sarah was eighty-two years old at the time of her death, her sister Mary passing away at the same age; Levi died in infancy; the subject is the last born of these children. Jacob Souers was sixty-five years old at the time of his death in 1850, and his wife lived to the age of ninety-two years. These ages indicate a remarkable tendency to longevity in this family, the average of the ages being greater than in any family in the township.

Solomon Souers received his education in the common schools of Wayne county, his education being somewhat limited because of the lack of adequate facilities at that early date. He has lived his entire life on the old homestead and has followed in the footsteps of his forefathers and devoted his life to the tilling of the soil. After his marriage he bought the interests of his brothers and sisters in the place and has since operated it himself, making his home with his mother there. He has shown a progressive spirit in all his undertakings and has operated his farm with the object in view of getting the very best results. He has kept in touch with advanced ideas in agriculture and has not been slow to adopt those which have seemed merito-

rious. The place is considered valuable, its present excellent condition being due to the care given it by Mr. Souers.

In 1850 Mr. Souers was united in marriage to Nancy Scott, who was born in Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio, in 1828, a daughter of Matthew Scott, who was a native of Pennsylvania. Matthew Scott came to Wayne county in a very early day and entered school land here. Mrs. Souers has been an invalid for several years, the result of being injured in a fall. In politics Mr. Souers is a Democrat, and formerly took a prominent part in local affairs, having served two terms as township trustee and school director and in several other township offices, but of late years he has withdrawn from an active participation in these things. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which society at Maysville he is an earnest and consistent member. He is a man of utmost probity and honor and to him has been given an unreserved esteem in the community.

LOUIS EUGENE GROSJEAN.

Agriculture has been the true source of man's dominion on earth ever since the primal existence of labor and has been the pivotal industry that has controlled for the most part all the fields of action to which his intelligence and energy have been devoted. In a civilized community no calling is so certain of yielding a compensatory return as that which is culled from a kindly soil, albeit the husbandman at times is sorely taxed in coaxing from Mother Earth all that he desires or even expects; yet she is a kind mother and seldom chastens with disappointment the child whose diligence she deems it but just should be rewarded. Among those successful agriculturists who have made Wayne county noted is numbered the subject of this sketch, who owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred and fifty acres in section 5, Saltcreek township. He is descended from Swiss ancestry, his father, Eugene Grosjean, having been a native of that republic. When he was eight years old the latter came to the United States with his parents, who located near Mount Eaton, where his father had bought land. The latter died soon after coming here and his widow thereafter made her home with her son. Eugene Grosjean was one of four brothers who came to this country, one brother refusing to come with them, and he was never heard of afterward. Eugene Grosjean was a successful farmer and was active in politics, having held many local offices, including that of township treasurer, in which position he was retained a good many years. He was an appreciative member of the Masonic order

and held several of the lodge offices. In politics he was a Democrat and in religion he was an active member of the Presbyterian church at Mount Eaton, subsequently changing his membership to the church at Fredericksburg. He was married when comparatively young and became the father of the following children: Albert, deceased; Julia, who lives in Iowa; Mary, deceased; Charles, who lives in California; Louis E., the subject of this sketch; Eugene lives in Minnesota; Sophia is deceased; Ella lives in Wooster, and her twin sister died in infancy. The subject's mother, whose family name was also Grosjean, was a native of France, and in early youth she came to this country with her parents, who were early settlers in Ohio. She died at the age of forty-six years and subsequently Mr. Grosjean wedded Jane M. Allen, but there was no issue of this marriage.

Louis Eugene Grosjean was born in Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 27th of December, 1858. He received his education in the common schools of his native township and remained at home until he was twenty-one years old. At that time he moved to Holmes county, where he lived during the following sixteen years. In 1894 he came to Saltcreek township, Wayne county, bought a farm and made this his home. He continuously followed the pursuit of agriculture, in which he has been successful to a gratifying degree. In connection with agricultural operations he also gives a good deal of attention to stockraising and buying of horses, which he ships in large numbers. He is the owner of one of the best improved farm properties in Wayne county, the house, barns and outbuildings being all well constructed and conveniently arranged, the general appearance of the place indicating the owner to be a man of progressive ideas and sound judgment. Mr. Grosjean has recently moved to Wooster, where he is now conducting one of the largest and most successful sale stables in the state.

In 1879 Mr. Grosjean was united in marriage to Elizabeth Leeper, who was born in Holmes county in 1859, the daughter of Parker Leeper, a well-known citizen of that county. To this union have been born eight children, as follows: Walter A., who married Edith Staufer, daughter of John and Catherine Staufer, the former deceased, of Salt Creek township; John, who married Ophie Lytle and lives in Saltcreek township; Parker, Eugene, Robert, James, Lucile and George. In politics Mr. Grosjean is a staunch Democrat and has served as trustee of his township, though he does not seek political preferment. He and all the members of his family belong to the Congregational church at Fredericksburg, and to that society they give an earnest and generous support. He is a public spirited citizen and a whole-souled man, ready to help forward any movement designed for the public good, and wherever known he is held in the highest regard.

EDWIN S. WERTZ.

Among the honored sons of Wayne county who have attained a high degree of success through energy, integrity and progressive methods and risen to high place in the service of the public, the brilliant lawyer and legislator whose name introduces this sketch is entitled to much more than passing notice. Achieving success in the legal profession at an age when the majority of young men are just at the threshold of their life work, and becoming an influential factor in directing the policies of the political party with which allied, he naturally forged to the front as a leader, while his activity in promoting the interests of the public have gained for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow men, irrespective of class or party affiliations.

Edwin S. Wertz was born at Dalton, Wayne county, Ohio, on August 7, 1875, and is the son of W. H. H. and Carrie Virginia (Slusser) Wertz, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. The father, whose birth also occurred in Dalton, has spent his entire life in the county of Wayne and for a number of years has been actively identified with the business interests of his native town, being at this time president of the First National Bank of Dalton, and a business man of high standing and wide repute. His wife, who first saw the light of day in York county, Pennsylvania, has likewise resided many years in the above town.

After finishing the public school course in his native town, Edwin S. Wertz entered the preparatory department of Wooster University, where in due time he fitted himself for collegiate work in the Ohio State University, which he attended for the scheduled period of seven years, graduating at the expiration of that time from the College of Arts, Philosophy and Science, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, also from the law department, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Laws degree. In June, 1900, while attending the University, he was formally admitted to the bar and after his graduation accepted the position of court house reporter for the *Columbus Citizen*, which he held from June, 1900, until August, 1902. In the latter year he formed a partnership with his father in the wholesale hardwood lumber business with an office at Dalton, which lasted for some time, and proved reasonably successful, but which he subsequently discontinued the better to devote his attention to his chosen profession. While engaged as a reporter Mr. Wertz was a member of Newswriters' Union No. 2, of Columbus, and had the honor of being chosen representative from that body to the Columbus Trades and Labor Assembly, in the sessions of which



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he was an active participant. In 1896 he was made president of the Young Men's Democratic Club of the above city, in which capacity he demonstrated executive ability of a high order and foreshadowed his future career as a leader of men and moulder of opinion.

The Spanish-American war breaking out while he was in the university, young Wertz, in 1898, laid aside his studies and enlisted in Light Battery H, First Ohio Volunteer Artillery, with which he served with an honorable record for a period of seven months. At the expiration of that time he resumed his collegiate work, which, as already indicated, was completed in the year 1900, since which date his life has been one of great activity and usefulness, nor has fortune been sparing in the bestowal of her favor upon him, as his success as a lawyer and honorable record as a public official abundantly attest. In 1903 Mr. Wertz was nominated for representative by a primary election in which six candidates contended for the honor, and at the general election of that year he defeated his competitor, running two hundred and twenty-eight votes ahead of the party candidate for governor on his own ticket. That his record as a legislator justified the wisdom of his election is attested by the active and influential part he took in the deliberations of the General Assembly. He was the Democratic nominee for speaker pro tempore of the House, but by reason of the strength of the opposition he failed to secure the honor. He was soon recognized as a leader of the minority and by able and conscientious work on a number of important committees did much to shape and direct legislation and bring about the passage of laws which have been for the best interests of the commonwealth. He served on the committees on common schools, public ways, and enrollment and introduced the first state aid good roads bill, creating a highway department in the state government, providing for the gradual permanent improvement of public highways with the assistance and under the supervision of competent state authority. The provisions of the bill are embodied in the Wertz-Fisher good roads law, which has proven of inestimable value to the people of the state. Among the various others which he introduced were the following: Prohibiting the use of free passes by all public officials; repealing all perpetual franchises; four bills for the improvement of rural schools; one providing for the employment of the same teacher for at least a full school year of thirty-two weeks, and a second providing that the people of any township shall be empowered to determine whether the schools shall or shall not be centralized, the intent of the new code being the giving of such right to the board of education only; a third bill required that there

should be regular graded courses of study in elementary and common schools; the fourth provided that where a teacher received a certificate in the county where he resides it shall be valid for the unexpired time in any county of the state. The first three bills were incorporated in the new school code and are now a part of the school law. The fourth was also agreed to, but was stricken out by the conference committee. In the Seventy-seventh General Assembly he was elected Democratic floor leader.

In addition to the above, Mr. Wertz took an active part in other important legislation, participated in the general deliberations on the floor where he demonstrated marked ability as a debater and leader. He was the author of the prison bill to abolish contract convict labor and to provide for the employment of prisoners in the manufacture of road materials, machines and supplies for state institutions. This law provides a great variety of employment as a substitute for the old contract system, which for years was subject to many serious objections. Another bill which he introduced, known as House Bill No. 78, empowers the railroad commissioner of Ohio to fix railroad rates, regulate damage charges, supplies of cars and all other matters pertaining to the railway business so far as it concerns the people of the state. This bill, which became a law, has the endorsement of the Ohio Shippers' Association, the Ohio Grain Dealers' Association and the approval of the public generally.

He wrote the resolution and led in forcing its adoption by the General Assembly, restoring peace between the universities supported by the state of Ohio and which defines the policy of the state towards her universities. It declared for the building of one great state university at Columbus commensurate with the dignity of the state. He also introduced a bill, later becoming a law, for the better inspection of the Ohio mines, improved methods of ventilation, etc., so as to better protect the lives of miners from dangers of gas explosions.

Mr. Wertz was a member of the Seventy-six and Seventy-seventh General Assemblies and rendered distinguished service to his constituents and to the state and retired from the body with a record as an able and faithful public servant which not only his political friends but those opposed to him on party questions unqualifiedly endorsed. He was for some years secretary of the Ohio Good Roads Association and as such labored earnestly to bring about much needed improvements in the system of highways throughout the state. In 1906 he was induced by his many friends to enter the race for Congress in the seventeenth district; accordingly his name was presented to the convention which assembled in June of that year and where, after a

four-days session and one hundred and seventy-seven ballots, he was defeated by a small majority of only six votes, the victor being Mr. Ashbrook, the present incumbent. Mr. Wertz is still a young man, and the distinction which he has already achieved demonstrates his ability to fill still greater positions of honor and trust, in view of which his friends are justified in predicting for him a future of great usefulness and brilliancy in the service of the public. He is an influential member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the United Commercial Travelers, the Order of Eagles, and stands high as a Mason, in which ancient and honorable fraternity he has attained to the thirty-second degree. He also belongs to Buckeye Camp, Spanish-American Veteran Association, and his standing with organized labor is such that he has the written pledge of the Ohio Federation of Labor and other organizations of the state. Personally he is a prince of good fellowship, and those who know him best are the most profuse in their praise of his many estimable qualities. He stands for what is best in manhood and citizenship, has always upheld the right as he understands the right, and every laudable enterprise or measure for the material progress of the community and the general good of the public finds in him an earnest advocate and influential patron.

Mr. Wertz is a married man and the father of one daughter, who, with her parents, constitute a happy and contented domestic circle. Mrs. Wertz, formerly Elizabeth Johnson, is a daughter of Judge Isaac Johnson, of Wooster, and the ceremony by which her name was changed to the one she now so worthily bears was solemnized on the 11th of August, 1906.

FREDERICK STAIR.

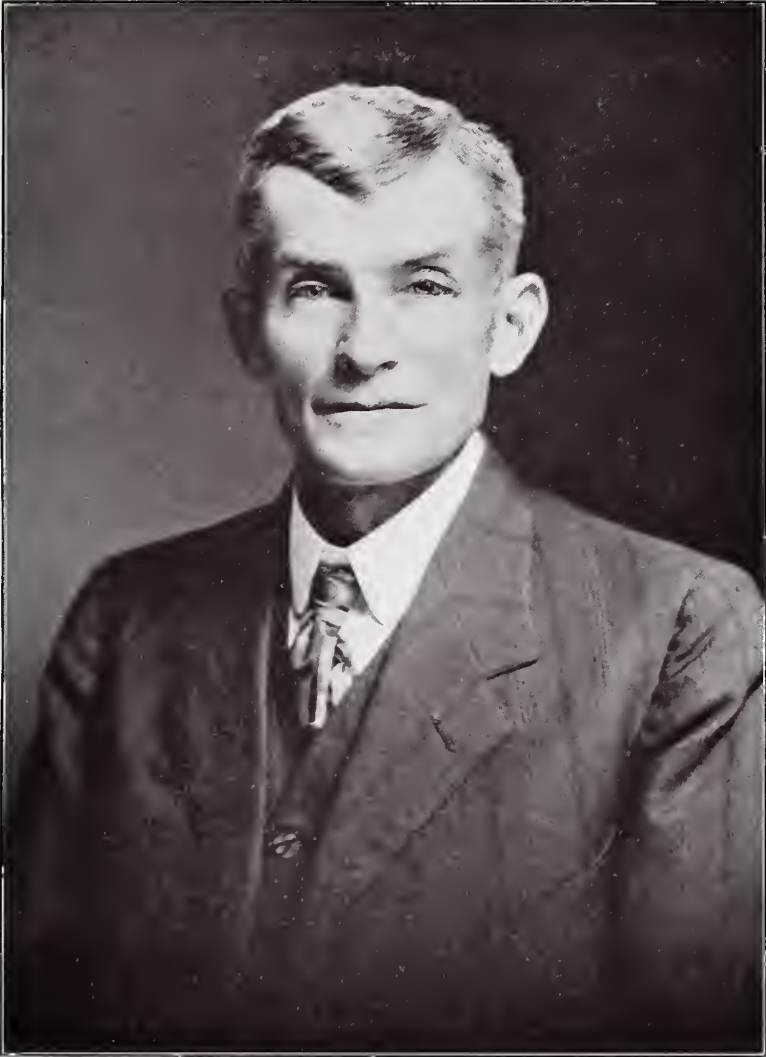
An elderly and highly respected citizen of Plain township, Wayne county, is Frederick Stair, father of I. O. Stair, whose biography appears on another page of this work. The father was born March 25, 1837, the son of John and Elizabeth (Cugla) Stair, who came from Germany to the United States in 1833, settling soon after their arrival in Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio, securing a sixty-acre farm, on which they spent the remainder of their lives, having cleared some of the land and established a good home in the woods. Before leaving the Fatherland John Stair served eight years in the German army. He voted in the first election held after his arrival in America and was always loyal to our institutions. His family consisted of thirteen children.

Frederick Stair was reared on the home place and there grew up, assisting with the work on the same from early childhood until he was twenty-six years of age, when he was married to Sarah Ann Strauss, daughter of Peter and Julia (Renner) Strauss, natives of Pennsylvania who came from Crawford county, that state, in 1850. In 1868 he bought seventy-two acres of land where he now lives in Plain township. Since then he added eight acres of timber and now has an excellent farm, having always followed general farming. He is a strong Prohibitionist, among the very first in this township, and possibly the first one to advocate its principles here. He is a member of the Reformed church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stair these children have been born: William Henry, of Orrville, Ohio; Irvin O., Laura Ada, Ossie May and Alice.

JOHN H. TSCHANTZ.

It would be, indeed, a difficult task to find in our cosmopolitan republic a class of people that are more energetic, self-reliant, persistent and altogether praiseworthy than the Swiss and their descendants, who have been coming to our shores for some two centuries, and wherever they have dispersed they have become leaders in their respective communities. John H. Tschantz, one of Wayne county's substantial citizens, is of this class, being of the second generation of Swiss in this country, for he was born in Paint township, this county, December 4, 1854, the son of A. C. and Anna (Baumgartner) Tschantz. The former was born in Switzerland, June 6, 1817, and came to the United States in 1834, locating in Wayne county, Ohio. He was practically without capital when he landed here, but had the necessary grit to succeed and he soon began work as a farm hand. Later he took up carpentering and he soon had saved enough money to buy a farm of eighty-six acres, which he cleared and improved. Prospering, he added to his first purchase until he owned over two hundred acres. He first married a Miss Lehman and to this union one child was born, which is now deceased. He was married a second time, September 11, 1845, his last wife being Anna Baumgartner, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, September 16, 1825, the daughter of David Baumgartner. The latter was a native of Switzerland, having come to the United States in 1824, when twenty-six years of age, having been born February 7, 1798. He became a prosperous farmer, owning a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres. After his marriage



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he settled in Paint township and at once secured a foothold there. He took a great deal of interest in the Mennonite church, and he was called upon to settle many estates, being prominent in his community,—in fact, a leader. His death occurred January 7, 1897, his widow surviving him until June 4, 1901. They were the parents of the following children: Christian C., who married Mary Feichter, of Sugar Creek township; Daniel H., who married Catherine Gerber, of Sugar Creek township; Barbara, the wife of John L. Amstutz, of Sugar Creek township; Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Amstutz, also of Sugar Creek township; John H., of this review; Caroline, wife of David C. Spunger, of Bern, Indiana; Sarah, wife of John Badertscher, of Sugar Creek township; William P., living on the home farm in Paint township.

John H. Tschantz was reared on the home farm and attended the home schools during the winter months. When eighteen years of age he entered the Wadsworth Academy, at Wadsworth, Ohio, an institution under the auspices of the Mennonite church, where he remained for one year, after which he entered the Smithville Academy and was there one term. He studied hard and received a good education, which enabled him to begin teaching, which profession he followed for six years in the winter and during the summer he worked on the farm, with the exception of one which was spent in Wooster University.

Mr. Tschantz married Lydia Steiner, daughter of Rev. C. D. Steiner, October 1, 1878, she having been born in Putnam county, Ohio, November 30, 1857. Her father was a prominent farmer and lived in Greene township, Wayne county. He was born in Milton township, November 8, 1829, and died May 26, 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. Tschantz five children have been born, namely: W. I., born July 17, 1879; Olive May, born November 25, 1882; Dora C., born April 1, 1885; Amos and Lizzie, twins, born December 31, 1887, the latter dying January 13, 1891. Mr. Tschantz's first wife died on January 9, 1888, and on February 16, 1892, he was married to Elizabeth Geiger, who was born in Putnam county, Ohio, January 17, 1866. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Sylvia, born January 23, 1893, and Clyde McKinley, born July 24, 1898.

When Mr. Tschantz was married the first time he was given a little start by his own family. He has judiciously managed his affairs until he is today a prosperous and influential citizen, owning three hundred and ninety acres, which is worth at least one hundred dollars per acre, being well improved and under a high state of cultivation. In connection with his agricultural pursuits he has been very successful in the position of president of

the Sonneberg Fire and Lightning Insurance Association, having been adjuster of the same for twenty years. It operates in Wayne, Stark, Tuscarawas, Holmes and Medina counties.

This family belongs to the Mennonite church, Mr. Tschantz having been superintendent of the Sunday school at Salem church for the past twenty years. In politics he is a Republican. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Dalton, and a director in the same, but much of his time is devoted to the insurance company mentioned above, which is a mutual company, insuring farmers' property against fire, lightning and wind storms. It was organized in 1859, and has been operated very successfully by the Mennonite people for the past thirty years. The subject is a very successful business man and is well and favorably known throughout this part of Wayne county.

CHARLES ELMER BEEKLEY.

Among those men of Wayne county, Ohio, who, by the mere force of their personality, have forged their way to the front ranks of that class who may justly be termed "progressive and enterprising" is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, and he is justly entitled to representation in a volume of this character. Charles Elmer Beekley was born June 6, 1873, in Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, and is a son of Emanuel, Jr., and Rebecca (Naftsgar) Beekley. The subject's paternal grandfather was Dr. Emanuel Beekley, Sr., of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, who was a prominent and successful physician in that locality. In the early forties he emigrated to Ohio, locating in Wayne county, the trip being made in one of the old-fashioned high-wheeled wagons so common in those days. He bought two hundred acres of land near Burbank and from that time devoted the greater part of his time to agricultural pursuits, though at times he served as a physician, notably at one time when a small-pox epidemic visited his section. At that time, regardless of personal danger, he administered to the suffering day and night and devoted himself unremittingly to the work of eradicating the dread disease. At his death his property passed into the possession of his son, Emanuel, Jr., who was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1843, and who had accompanied his father on the trip to Ohio. Emanuel Beekley, Jr., devoted himself for some time to the cultivation of the old farm, but eventually sold and moved to Ashland, where he invested the proceeds in town property. He there lived a retired life for a time, but

of late he has been acting as foreman of the shipping department for a big manufacturing concern of that city. He is a staunch Republican in politics and takes much interest in political affairs. His religious membership is in the Progressive Brethren church. He married Rebecca Naftsgar, who was born in Congress township, this county, and to them were born the following children: Two sons died in infancy unnamed; Mrs. Susie Bens, of Burbank; Mrs. Eliza Kellar, of Ashland; Mrs. Pearl Oberholtzer, the wife of Rev. Oberholtzer; Mrs. Blanche Brubaker, whose husband is the owner of a large poultry farm at Ashland, Ohio; Charles Elmer, the subject of this sketch.

Charles E. Beekley received a good education, having attended the common schools at Congress and West Salem, after which he attended six years at Ashland College. The last three years of study were directed with the idea of preparation for the ministry, but failing health at length compelled Mr. Beekley to relinquish that idea. During his student days he was married and moved onto the old Elgin farm, and after the completion of his college work, and his decision not to enter the ministry, he returned to that farm and started a nursery and fruit farm. He was careful and painstaking in the inception of this project and made such progress that in 1904 he formally opened the West Salem Nursery and Fruit Farm. He has been eminently successful in this enterprise and is now enjoying a large and constantly growing business. He has a number of agents on the road and his sales are increasing rapidly from year to year. He gives his personal attention to all details of the business and anything bought of the West Salem Nursery is all right, or will be made right if it does not prove to be as good as represented. Mr. Beekley specializes on all kinds of berries in his fruit raising, and also gives considerable attention to the breeding and raising of pure-bred white Leghorn chickens, in which he also has been successful.

In politics Mr. Beekley gives his support to the Republican ticket on national issues, but in local elections he believes the personal fitness of the candidate for the office sought should be considered first. He is a strong temperance man and votes that way whenever the opportunity is afforded. His religious membership is with the Progressive Brethren church.

On the 19th of February, 1896, Mr. Beekley married Orpha Edmunda Elgin, who was born in Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, on April 6, 1875. She is the daughter of Edmund Elgin, who was born in 1827, and died in 1874, and Ruth Patterson Elgin, who was born in 1830, and died in 1900. Edmund Elgin was an early settler in Congress township, this county, where he owned three hundred acres of land. He was a veteran of the

Civil war, in which he attained the rank of lieutenant, and in religion he was an earnest Methodist. His life was an example in morals and it was said of him that he did not have an enemy in the world. To Mr. and Mrs. Beekley have been born the following children: Paul Elgin, born March 28, 1898, and Ruth Rebecca, born June 23, 1903.

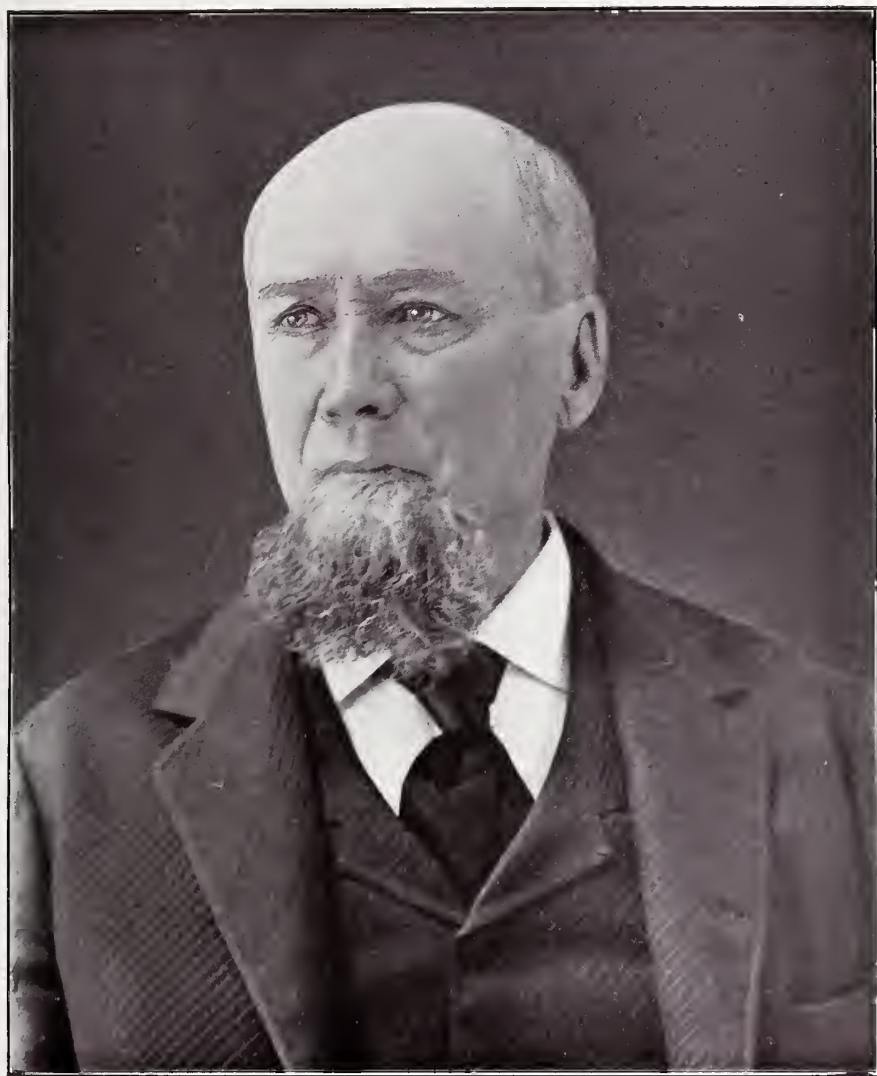
From the foregoing brief outline of a busy career it is not difficult to arrive at a just estimate of Mr. Beekley's character or to fix his proper standing in the community. Interested in all that tends to benefit his fellows, materially, educationally and morally, his influence has always been exerted in the right direction and from what he has accomplished along the lines to which his talents have been directed it is demonstrated that the community has gained by his presence.

THOMAS JOHNSON KAUFMAN.

It is not only a pleasure but profitable as well to study the life history of such a worthy gentleman as he whose name forms the heading of this review, for in it we find evidence of traits of character that never fail to make for success in the life of any one who directs his efforts, as did Thomas J. Kaufman, along proper paths with persistency and untiring zeal, toward a worthy goal, and having as his concomitant worthy principles, which, as we shall see, resulted in ultimate triumph, for when called to close his earthly accounts he left behind him a competency and, what was better, a good name.

Mr. Kaufman was born at Mifflin, Juniata county, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1834, the son of George and Susanah (Johnson) Kaufman, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born on April 23, 1798, while the mother's birth occurred at Mifflin, that state, on June 24, 1808.

David Kaufman and wife, nee Renner, settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, about the close of the Revolutionary war. George Kaufman, father of Thomas and son of David Kaufman, moved from Lancaster county to Juniata county, Pennsylvania, then removed to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1840, coming overland in a large, covered, four-horse Pennsylvania wagon. He bought a large tract of land in Plain township, over one thousand acres, part of this land being what was known in that early day by the Indians and early settlers as the "Long Meadows." George Kaufman dealt in raising and fattening stock, which he marketed in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



Thomas Rumpfman

Thomas J. Kaufman received a good common school education, and early in life decided to follow in the footsteps of his father in the stock business, entering upon his career with the elder Kaufman, who taught him many of the "ins and outs" of this line of endeavor. After his father's death, in 1864, he followed with gratifying results, driving large droves to markets annually, having received the sum of eleven thousand dollars for one drove. He became one of the most extensive stock dealers in this part of the state and was widely known as such, his judgment and foresight being unerring. Owing to the great competition that gradually arose with the western range cattle he quit doing business on such an extensive scale, finally abandoning the cattle business altogether, and turned his attention to general farming, in which he was very successful. He laid by an ample competency, being a good business man in whatever line he sought to exercise his talents. He was ever on the alert and seldom failed to bring to successful issue any measure which he sought to promote.

Mr. Kaufman was married on April 19, 1870, to Susan Urban, daughter of Jonas and Margaret (Johnson) Urban, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where the family was well established. To Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman the following children were born: Alice B., wife of L. Humbert; Mary M., wife of S. Garman; Oscar D., George B., Amos L., Jacob U., Jonas, Elzy, Thomas R., Grace B., and Anna S. Mr. Kaufman's domestic life was ideal, and he gave every possible attention to his large family, was a kind and considerate husband, a gentle and indulgent father,—in short, an ideal home man, neighbor and friend.

Politically, Mr. Kaufman was a Republican and, while ever active in the support of his party and eager for its success, he never held or sought a public office. Religiously, he was a member and liberal supporter of the Lake Fork Methodist Episcopal church. In business life his word was as good as a bond, and in his dealings with the public he ever held their confidence and esteem.

The death of this prominent citizen and splendid man occurred on March 26, 1907, and in beautiful Fairview cemetery he is sleeping the sleep of the just, being remembered by hosts of friends for his exemplary life.

ALONZO LAWRENCE HOFACRE.

Among the earnest young men whose depth of character and strict adherence to principle have gained for him the admiration of his contemporaries, Mr. Hofacre is numbered, and in his independent business career he

has shown a tenacity of purpose, an indomitable energy and that self-reliant courage whose natural concomitant is definite success. He has been the artificer of his own fortunes, and though he has met with some reverses and encountered numerous obstacles, his courage has never flagged and he has shown himself to be one thoroughly appreciative of the dignity of honest toil and endeavor. He has done much to improve the agricultural prosperity of the township in which he lives and is now the owner of a finely improved farm, to which he gives his earnest attention.

Alonzo Lawrence Hofacre is a native of the Buckeye state, having been born in Stark county, on the 14th of February, 1869, and is a son of John and Sarah (Wearstler) Hofacre, who are mentioned in later paragraphs of this sketch. The subject is indebted to the common schools for his education. He was but three years old when the family removed from Stark county to Wayne, consequently all his schooling was received in this county. He was reared under the parental roof and remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life for himself. He was reared to the life of a farmer and has always lent his efforts in that direction, being now the owner of a fine and fertile farm, located in section 10, Saltcreek township. The farm is adorned with a full set of buildings, large, commodious and well arranged, and Mr. Hofacre keeps everything about the place in the best possible shape, so that it at all times makes a pleasing impression on the passerby. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising and has achieved a distinctive success along both lines.

In politics Mr. Hofacre gives his support to the Democratic party and takes an active part in local public affairs, though he is not a seeker after office or public preferment. His religious preference is indicated by his membership in the Reformed church at Apple Creek, to which he gives an earnest and consistent support.

In 1890 the subject was united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the lady of his choice being Daisy Ann Eyman, who was born in East Union township, this county, in 1875, the daughter of Simon Eyman, of Apple Creek. This union has been blessed in the birth of two children, Ethel May, seven years old, and Goldie Susan Belle, aged six years. Mr. Hofacre is a man of marked business ability, richly deserving of high credit for the results which he has secured, and no man more thoroughly merits or commands the respect and confidence of the people of the community.

John Hofacre, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Sugar-creek township, Stark county, Ohio, August 10, 1839. He is the son of George Hofacre, who was a native of Maryland, and who was eighty-four

years old at the time of his death. The Hofacre family originally hailed from the little republic of Switzerland. George Hofacre was one of the earliest settlers in Stark county, Ohio, having entered government land in Sugarcreek township. On this land he made a comfortable home and there he spent the remainder of his life. He was not a seeker after public office, though he was the first road supervisor in the county. He was a Democrat in politics and was widely and favorably known throughout this section of the country. He followed general farming and was a very successful man for his day. Most of the produce of his farm was hauled to Sandyville, that having been at a date prior to the creation of Massillon, which later became the trading center of this section of the country. The settlers' cabins were widely separated and the country was wild and densely covered with the primeval forest with the exception of the few scattered clearings. Indians were numerous and Mr. Hofacre's cabin stood along one of the important Indian trails. Mr. Hofacre was a member of the Reformed church and was active in advancing the interests of the society. He was consistent in his life and lived up to his highest ideals of a Christian life. He married Elizabeth Kendall, who was born near Myers Lake, near Canton, Stark county, he having been thirty-four years old and she but sixteen when they were married. Her family were from Switzerland and were early settlers in Stark county. She was a woman of fine qualities and rare accomplishment and was beloved by all who knew her. Her death occurred when she was about seventy-two years old. George and Elizabeth Hofacre were the parents of eight children, whose names were as follows: Michael, who lives in Iowa, is eighty-two years old; Elizabeth lives in Michigan; George, deceased; Katherine lives in Defiance county, Ohio; Samuel is deceased; John is the next in the order of birth; Henrietta lives in Canton; Andrew, of Lebanon, Wayne county.

John Hofacre's education was somewhat limited, having been secured in the old log cabin school house of the period, supported by subscription, much of which was taken out in board by the teacher. The school houses were rude in construction, the interstices between the logs being plastered with mud, while in the windows greased paper often served instead of glass. The rude benches were often so high that the feet of the younger pupils did not reach the floor. At one end of the building was a big fireplace, from which the smoke was conducted through a mud-and-stick chimney. The teacher's badge of official authority was a long and oftentimes not too light hickory rod, sometimes very coercive in its tendency. Under such conditions as these many of our most prominent early citizens of the county received their

rudiments of knowledge, among these John Hofacre. The latter remained at home with his parents until he was about twenty-five years old, at which age he was married. He received about sixty acres of land from his father and devoted all the years of his active life to farming, in which he was highly successful. He was energetic and enterprising and was considered one of the leading agriculturists of his section. Of late years he has relinquished the active work of his farm to other lands and is now spending the golden sunset years with his children, visiting each of them in turn. He is a welcome visitor wherever he goes, being a man of genial disposition and bright mentality. In 1864, John Hofacre was married to Sarah Wearstler, a native of Stark county and a member of one of the early prominent families of that county. Her death occurred in 1899. John and Sarah Hofacre became the parents of six children, namely: Samantha, deceased; Malissa, who married a Mr. Hartel, of Wayne county; Alonzo, who is referred to in preceding paragraphs; Sophia married Mr. Brown and lives in Saltcreek township, this county; Mary, Mrs. Johnson; Martin Oliver. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Hofacre has always taken a live and commendable interest in public affairs, and was during his active years an important factor in local affairs, but he has never been an aspirant for the honors of public office. Religiously, he is a member of the Reformed church, of which he has long been a consistent and generous supporter. He is a man whose fine personal qualities have won him a host of warm personal friends throughout the county.

WILLIAM ALBERT CRAMER.

It is always pleasant and profitable to contemplate the career of a man who has made a success of life and won the honor and respect of his fellow citizens. Such is the record of the well-known farmer whose name heads this sketch, than whom a more wholesouled or popular man it would be difficult to find within the limits of the township where he has his home. A life of honorable and well-directed labor in the time-honored vocation of agriculture, a valiant and faithful record as a soldier in defense of his country's integrity, and a private life consistent in every respect with its possibilities, has brought to him the well-deserved confidence and respect of all who know him and he is entitled to representation in a work of this character.

William A. Cramer is a native of the county in which he now lives, hav-

ing been born near Fredericksburg, Wayne county, on the 3d of February, 1847. He is the son of Bertram and Matilda (Woodruff) Cramer. The father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and at the age of eighteen years he came to Wayne county, Ohio, walking all the way from his native locality. He first located at Fredericksburg, where he pursued his trade of a blacksmith, which he followed practically all his life. After a few years at Fredericksburg, Mr. Cramer bought a farm located about one and a half miles west of Fredericksburg, and at once entered upon its operation, establishing also on his place a smithy, which was operated successfully in connection with his farming operations. Mr. Cramer was a strong Republican in politics, but made no effort to get into office. He had an important part in the early development of this section of Ohio, as at the time he came here there had been but little improvement, the country being densely covered with the primeval forests, through which there were no roads, rough trails answering the purpose. Massillon was then the nearest trading point of any importance and to that point practically all grain and produce was taken for sale and exchange. Mr. Cramer was twice married. His first union was to Matilda Woodruff, who was a native of Holmes county, Ohio, her parents having been among the first settlers in that section. Her uncle, Andrew Woodruff, built the first house at Apple Creek, he having been a blacksmith by trade. To Bertram and Matilda Cramer were born four children, namely: William A., the subject of this sketch; Charles, deceased; Bertram, who is a blacksmith at Fredericksburg; Sara, deceased. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Cramer wedded Mary Woodruff, a sister of his first wife, and to them was born one child, Elizabeth. Bertram Cramer was seventy years old at the time of his death. He had been a prominent and well-known man and was universally respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

William A. Cramer secured a limited education in the old district school, but his school days were cut short by the necessity of his giving his time to work. At the age of ten years he went to work in a tan-yard at Fredericksburg, where he was employed until he was sixteen years old. He then worked on the home farm about a year, when his labors were interrupted by the outbreak of the great Southern insurrection, which fired the blood of every Northern patriot. At the age of seventeen years he enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being assigned to Company G, with which he served his first enlistment period, four months, and at the end of that time he re-enlisted, this time in Company C, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Regiment, with which he served until the close of the war, being mustered out at Edgefield, Tennessee, in 1865. During his first enlistment

Mr. Cramer was with the Eastern Army, but during his last he was in the Southern Army. He saw much hard service and bore a splendid reputation for valor and courage.

After completing his military service Mr. Cramer returned to Fredericksburg and took up farming, which pursuit he followed continuously and with eminent success until ill health caused his retirement from active labor a few years ago, since which time he has lived quietly at home, practically retired. In his farming operations Mr. Cramer was energetic and progressive and was considered one of the leading agriculturists in this section.

On February 12, 1867, Mr. Cramer married Margaret Thompson, a daughter of Joseph Thompson, who with his wife came from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Cramer was born on the 31st of December, 1845, and is a most estimable woman, possessing many fine qualities of character, which have won for her the love of all who know her. To Mr. and Mrs. Cramer have been born seven children, briefly mentioned as follows: Minnie is the wife of Henry Parker, of Mount Hope, Holmes county, and they have one child; William married Tottie Barnes, by whom he has two children, and the family live at Millersburg, Holmes county; Rilla is the wife of Alvin Gindel, of Holmes county, and they have three children; Hiram, who lives in this county, married Mary Slutz and they have three children; Jessie married Clarence Richards, of Fredericksburg; Maud is the wife of Charles Hinkle, of Millersburg; Clemons died at the age of two years.

Mr. Cramer has been a lifelong adherent of the Republican party, in which he has taken a live interest, but he has never been persuaded to accept public office of any nature. Socially he is a member of Fredericksburg Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Cramer is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Fredericksburg. Mr. Cramer is not a member of the church, but gives the society his generous support. Mr. Cramer occupies a prominent place in the esteem of the people of the community and is universally respected for his high character as well as for his many deeds of kindness as a neighbor, friend, and citizen. He has lived to a good and useful purpose and the high position he occupies in the community has been honestly and well merited.

JOSEPH PETER MARTHEY.

Agriculture has been an honored vocation from the earliest ages and as a usual thing men of honorable and humane impulses, as well as those of energy and thrift, have been patrons of husbandry. The free outdoor life

of the farm has a decided tendency to foster and develop that independence of mind and self-reliance which characterize true manhood and no greater blessing can befall a boy than to be reared in close touch with nature in the healthful, life-inspiring labor of the fields. It has been the fruitful soil from which have sprung the moral bone and sinew of the country, and a majority of our distinguished men in all lines of accomplishment were born on the farm and are indebted to its early influence for the distinction which they have gained. Among the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Wayne county is Joseph P. Marthey, who owns and operates a fine farm in Saltcreek township. He was born in Holmes county, this state, on the 4th of May, 1844, and is a son of Stephen and Augustine (Grosjean) Marthey. Stephen Marthey was the son of Peter Marthey and the members of the family were all natives of France. In 1833 Stephen Marthey accompanied the family to the United States, landing at the port of New York, whence they went to Cleveland, Ohio. From there they took the Cleveland and Massillon canal to Wayne county, where they stopped. The father bought one hundred and ten acres of land in Saltcreek township, and he at once entered upon the task of clearing this land and rendering it fit for cultivation. There was on the place a small water saw-mill, which he operated in connection with his agricultural operations for a number of years. The country at that time was thinly settled and the early settlers were compelled to endure many privations and the lack of many conveniences. Eventually the country became more thickly settled, the land increased in productiveness and value, and the Martheys took rank as leaders among their co-workers in this great work of reclamation. Stephen Marthey was married to Augustine Grosjean in Stark county. The Grosjeans too were French, Mrs. Marthey being quite young when her family came to the United States and settled in Stark county, Ohio. To Stephen and Augustine Marthey were born eleven children, namely: The first born was Joseph P., the subject of this sketch; Mary, who married a Mr. Marillet; Margaret, who married a Mr. Walter; Elizabeth married a Mr. Brun; Louisa is deceased; Eliza married a Mr. Stutz; Josephine married a Mr. Deveau; Rosile is deceased; Philip is deceased; August, of Saltcreek township; Paul, of Saltcreek township. After Stephen Marthey was married he went to Missouri in 1852 and remained there until 1860, when he brought his family back to Wayne county, Ohio, and bought the farm in Saltcreek township, where he and his wife lived during the remainder of their lives, the father dying there at the age of sixty-four and the mother at the age of sixty-eight. The father had been a successful and well-known farmer and stood high in the community. He was

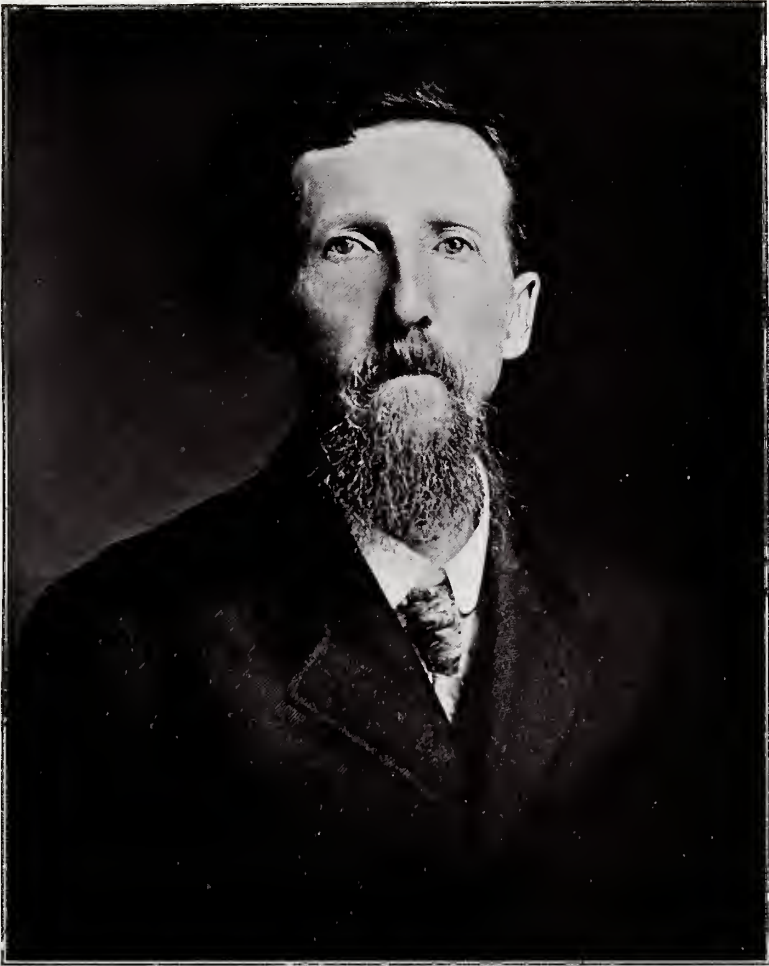
a Democrat in politics, but had no inclination for office holding or public preferment. He was a member of the Catholic church, and his father, Peter Marthey, was one of the organizers of the St. Jenivile Catholic church in Holmes county, while Stephen Marthey was a member of the committee which erected the new church there in 1868. The sons and daughters of this worthy man are all members of that church.

Joseph P. Marthey secured his education in the common schools, having attended at the old Frease school house, but, being the oldest of the children, his services were required on the farm and his education was in consequence much abbreviated. He remained with his father until his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-nine years old, at which time he went to blacksmithing and followed that occupation for about eighteen years, since which time he has confined his attention mainly to the tilling of the soil, although he still maintains a smithy on his farm and works at the forge when necessary. Although past middle age, Mr. Marthey is able bodied and still makes a good hand at any work to be done on the farm. He has been progressive and energetic in his efforts and has been prospered in a commensurate degree.

In 1873 Mr. Marthey was united in marriage to Flora Merillat, a daughter of Joseph Merillat and belonging to one of the prominent French families of the county. To the subject and his wife have been born four children, namely: Louis J., born in 1876; William, born in 1880, married Betsy Seigler, by whom he has two children, Katherine and Helen, and they live in Wooster; Paul J., of Akron, was born in 1882, is married and is the father of three children, Pauline, Dora and Francis; Frank A., born in 1887. In matters political Mr. Marthey gives his support to the Democratic party, and, though not a seeker after political honors, he has served two terms as supervisor of his township, giving efficient service to the office. He is a member of the Catholic church in Holmes county, to which he gives a liberal support. Mr. Marthey's sterling qualities of character have commended him to the confidence of all who know him and throughout the township of his residence he is held in the highest esteem.

DAVID P. MOSER.

The Moser family has long borne an honored name in Wayne county, especially Sugar Creek township, being among a sturdy Swiss element that has done so much for the development of the same, one of the best known



D. P. MOSER

members of this worthy family being David P. Moser, who was born April 27, 1859, in this county, the son of Peter and Anna (Beer) Moser, the former born in canton Bern, Switzerland, April 28, 1809; the birth of the latter occurred in February, 1814. Peter Moser came to America with his stepfather and mother when he was sixteen years of age, the date of their landing on our shores being 1825, having made a tedious voyage across the Atlantic in an old-fashioned sailing vessel. In that early day they penetrated to the interior and selected as a site for their future home a farm in section 15, Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, Ohio, and began hewing a living from the primitive conditions they found here. The elder Moser was a shoemaker by trade, at which he worked until he could purchase a farm. Prospering as a farmer, he remained in this vicinity the rest of his life. He was the father of eleven children, nine of whom lived to maturity, namely: John, Abraham, Catherine, Lizzie, Jacob, Peter, Anna, Barbara, Levi, Daniel P. and David P. These children assisted on the home place, which required a great deal of hard work, considering the fact that this country was undeveloped when they came here. Peter Moser lived a long and useful life, dying June 13, 1907, his wife having preceded him to the grave on June 30, 1901. They were members of the Mennonite church and were plain honest people, whom everybody liked.

David P. Moser was reared on the home farm and here he worked during the crop seasons, attending the neighboring schools in the winter until he was fourteen years of age, when he began active farming. He remained under the parental roof-tree until he was twenty-one years of age, assisting his father, but at that time he took charge of the farm and successfully managed it.

Mr. Moser was married on February 15, 1890, to Katie Hoffstetter, who was born in East Union township, October 12, 1865. When she was two and one-half years of age, her parents moved to Sugar Creek township, where they secured a good farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Moser four children have been born, namely: Bertha, December 7, 1891; Calvin, February 9, 1900; Ruth, June 15, 1902; Glen, September 14, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Moser were reared in the Mennonite faith and they attend the local church.

Mr. Moser has been a hard-working man from his youth and he has succeeded by reason of this, now owning a fine farm in section 15, Sugar Creek township. It is a part of the old Moser farm and contains ninety acres, which has been so carefully worked that, although the soil was first broken many decades ago, it has retained its fertility and bounteous crops are produced.

Mr. Moser has always been a general farmer and stock raiser. He and his wife made a Western trip in October, 1902, enjoying a much-earned rest; they remained in California nearly a year, returning the latter part of September, 1903.

JAMES B. POWER.

The following is a brief sketch of one who, by close attention to business, has achieved marked success in the world's affairs and risen to an honorable position among the enterprising men of Wayne county with which his interests have long been identified. It is a plain record, rendered remarkable by no strange or mysterious adventure, no wonderful and lucky accident, and no tragic situation. James B. Power, of Wooster, is one of those estimable characters whose integrity and strong personality must force them into an admirable notoriety, which their modesty never seeks, who command the respect of their contemporaries and their posterity, and leave the impress of their individuality upon the age in which they live.

Mr. Power was born in Wooster township, this county, November 7, 1819, and now, in the golden Indian summer of his years, he can look backward upon a life well spent and duty well performed, with no compunction of conscience for wrong thoughts entertained and evil designs perpetrated, for he has ever kept the even tenor of his way and has won and retained the high regard and friendship of those who have had occasion to know him. Coming to us from the pioneer days, his reminiscences of the times when this favored section of the great Buckeye state was wild and the red man's foot-print still to be seen in the forest mold, are indeed interesting. He is the son of Neal and Nancy (Blackmore) Power, the former born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1778, and the latter in the same county and state on April 17, 1782. They were married on January 13, 1801, in their native community, and twelve children were born to them, an equal number of sons and daughters, James B. of this review being the only living one today. The mother was a direct descendant of the noted Blackmore family in England. James B. Power's parents moved to Holmes county, Ohio, when he was ten years of age and remained there until 1841 when he returned to Wooster and here he entered the dry goods business with his brother, Neal Power, in a building on the corner of Buckeye and Liberty streets, where the Nolle block now stands, and they continued successfully in business together until the death of his brother, Neal, then James B. went

in business with D. I. Liggett and remained with him five years. As a merchant and general business man during his active business career here he was very successful, being a man of sound judgment and progressive in his ideas, also honorable in all his dealings with his fellow men so that he had their confidence and good will.

James B. Power married Martha Cameron Riley, the only child born to David and Jane (Cameron) Riley, her birth occurring in Wooster, Ohio, May 20, 1824. Her family came from the north of Ireland in an early day. However, her mother was born in New York city, but the father's birth occurred in the fair Emerald Isle. David Riley was the first Mason buried in Wooster. Mr. and Mrs. Power were married in Jeromeville, Ohio, October 5, 1847. Martha Cameron Riley was only six weeks old when her father died, and she was a teacher in the seminary at the time of her marriage. Her mother was a missionary among the Indians at Upper Sandusky.

Four children were born to this union, two sons and two daughters, one son dying in infancy; they were, Alice Gertrude, who lives at the old home; Fred Riley, who is making his home in the city of Chicago; Etta Corinne married James B. Minier, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Charles Emmett; the second child died in infancy.

James B. Power talks interestingly of the days when he and his family attended church when ox teams were used to drive them thither. Sometimes the preacher would begin his sermon at ten o'clock in the morning and preach until sundown. They traveled to New York in coaches drawn by four horses, taking dinner at Dalton and supper at Canton, breakfast at New Lisbon, Smith's ferry for the second noonday meal; there they would wait for the boat and then reach Pittsburg the next morning by nine o'clock, then take a stage there at one o'clock, reaching Greensburg for supper, then would spend all night on the stage and all next day until twelve o'clock at night in order to get to Chambersburg. From there they would take the little "wagon-tire" railroad to Harrisburg, thence to Philadelphia by rail, the road being owned at that time by the state. In the year 1852, when the World's Fair was held in New York, the route led from Philadelphia to South Amboy, from which place a boat was taken up the bay to New York.

James B. Power always took an abiding interest in politics and he served as township trustee for three terms, discharging his duties in a very capable manner and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. However, he was opposed to public office and never aspired to any political or public office. Mr. Power has only moved once in his life, having lived forty-seven years at his cozy and neat home on Spruce street.

GEORGE D. BARNARD.

The subject of this review is a gentleman of high standing to whom has not been denied a full measure of success. He is distinctively one of the representative citizens of Congress township, and has long been a recognized factor of importance in connection with the agricultural interests of the county of Wayne. Mr. Barnard has been conspicuously identified with the growth and prosperity of the community and his life is closely interwoven with the history of the county where he has lived for many years. Mr. Barnard's family has long been identified with this county, his parents, John L. and Anna (George) Barnard, having been natives of Canaan and Congress townships, respectively. The subject's paternal grandfather, Jacob Barnard, came from the state of Pennsylvania in a very early day and located in Canaan township, but in 1880 he moved to Medina county, this state, and there spent his remaining days. The maternal grandfather, Joseph George, and his wife, Mary, were also natives of the old Keystone state and located in Wayne county, Ohio, in a very early day. About 1861 they moved to Hancock county, Ohio, where they lived until their deaths. The subject's parents were both reared in Wayne county, and the father learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed uninterruptedly until his death, which occurred in 1870. He was a staunch Republican and always took the keenest interest in the success of his party. He and his wife were the parents of four children, three of whom are living. The mother died in 1874. These parents were worthy and active members of the United Brethren church and in their daily lives they exemplified the teachings of their Master.

George D. Barnard was reared in the home of his parents and as soon as old enough he took up the work of the farm. He was educated in the schools of Canaan township. In 1885 he bought a farm of fifty acres in Medina, which he operated until 1893, when he sold that and came to Congress township and bought a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres, which he still owns. Mr. Barnard has made many permanent and substantial improvements on this place and today it is excelled by few farms in the county. The soil is of excellent quality and under Mr. Barnard's discriminating management it is made to return handsome profits to its owner. In addition to carrying on general agriculture, Mr. Barnard also gives considerable attention to the breeding and raising of livestock, pure-bred Jersey cattle being his specialty. He is enterprising and progressive in his methods and has been prospered to a gratifying degree. He is a man of splendid business qualifications and has served acceptably as administrator of a number of estates in the neighborhood of his home.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE D. BARNARD

An ardent Republican in politics, Mr. Barnard has served his fellow citizens in several official capacities. He served two terms as township clerk, and was then elected township trustee of Congress township, in which position he has been retained during the past seven years. He has been a member of the board of education for the past eight years. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, holding membership in Lodge No. 552. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard are members of the Presbyterian church at Congress, and to this society they give a cordial and generous support.

On the last day of the year 1885 Mr. Barnard took unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Rosa E. Howey, who was born in Congress township, this county, the daughter of John and Nancy (Henderson) Howey. These parents, who are now deceased, were early settlers of Congress township, the grandfather having taken his land from the government by patent. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnard have been born six children, namely: Grace, deceased; Mabel, who is a graduate of the Congress high school, class of 1908; Charles, Maude, John and George, Jr. Progress has been Mr. Barnard's motto from the beginning and his career throughout presents a succession of advancements which have won for him the high standing he today enjoys as one of the representative men of the township.

SAMUEL KERSTETER.

Samuel Kersteter was descended from sturdy German ancestors, who settled in Center county, Pennsylvania. His parents were Leonard and Elizabeth Kersteter, the former born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Germany. Leonard Kersteter, who lived to the age of eighty-seven years, was a carpenter by trade and he successfully followed this occupation during his early years in Center county, Pennsylvania. Subsequently he purchased a farm, which he operated, and at the same time he ran a saw-mill. In politics he was a Democrat and served as supervisor. He was the father of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, all of large physique and all living to ripe old ages. Of these children, the subject of this sketch is the only one now living.

Samuel Kersteter was born in Heintz township, Center county, Pennsylvania, on August 29, 1820. He was reared under the paternal roof, but was deprived of the opportunity of attending school during his early youth. The German language was spoken almost exclusively among the members of

the family and the subject was unable to speak English readily until he was eighteen years of age. From that age on he exerted every effort to acquire proficiency in the English language and to secure what education he could in a general way, so that, considering his opportunities, Mr. Kersteter became a very well informed man. He was during his life a careful and discriminating reader and a close observer of men and things and possessed a fair knowledge of things in general. In his youth he turned his attention to the blacksmith's trade, which he learned, and in 1844 he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and here followed his trade at various locations in this and Ashland counties. He was so employed at the outbreak of the Civil war, when he offered his services in defense of his country and enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the date of his enlistment being August 12, 1862. This regiment was employed as a body guard for General Grant during the western campaigns. In the early part of 1863 a forced march was made from Louisville, Kentucky, to Frankfort, that state, and so urgent was the order for quick speed that of the entire regiment that started only sixty-eight men reached their destination, one of them being the subject. However, because of his extraordinary exertions on this march he suffered an enlargement of the veins of his legs, which crippled him to such an extent that he was forced to go into the hospital for treatment. In March, 1863, he was honorably discharged because of disability. After his discharge he returned to his home and then for several years he lived at Ashland. He subsequently located a shop two miles south of West Salem, and still later to Albion, where he lived for eleven years. In 1885, feeling the weight of advancing years, and having acquired a sufficiency of this world's goods to keep him comfortably the rest of his days, Mr. Kersteter retired from active labor. More recently he sold his farm and was living in West Salem at the time of his death. Since the death of Mrs. Kersteter, he had for companions his son Clark and family, who lived with him in his comfortable home on West Buckeye street. The subject was one of the grand old men of this community and he enjoyed the warm regard and confidence of all who knew him. He passed through rare experiences during his long life and in an interesting manner told entertainingly of his early struggles and of early customs and incidents, when this section was but thinly settled and very primitive in its development.

In politics Mr. Kersteter always voted the Democratic ticket and rendered efficient service in the capacity of school director and supervisor. His church relations were with the Methodist Episcopal, of which he was long a faithful and consistent member.

Mr. Samuel Kersteter was united in marriage to Elizabeth Cramer, who was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1825, the daughter of Jacob Cramer. The latter, who was a turner by trade, moved to Wayne county, Ohio, when his daughter Elizabeth was but four years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Kersteter were born eight children, as follows: William, born September 18, 1846, is deceased; James N., born October 17, 1848, deceased; George N., born June 10, 1852, now lives in Fulton county, Illinois; Johnson, born March 14, 1855, now deceased; Clark, born November 30, 1857; Melissa J., born January 31, 1850; A. J., born in 1860; Carrie, born December 21, 1864, deceased.

Of these children, Clark Kersteter is the superintendent of bridge construction on the Erie railroad, having been with that company for thirty years, and has built many of the best and largest bridges on the line. On December 7, 1882, he married Clara E. Funck, of Lattasburg, Ohio. She was born January 2, 1863, and is a daughter of Joseph A. Funck, a prominent farmer of Wayne county. To Mr. and Mrs. Kersteter have been born the following children: Carrie Idella, born June 26, 1884; died July 7, 1885; Harry Clifton, born December 9, 1885, is an employee of the Erie railroad and works with his father; Bertha Elizabeth, born June 11, 1888; Zoe Margaret, born December 17, 1891, died July 1, 1900; Joseph Cloud and Samuel Lloyd, twins, born August 13, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Kersteter made their home with their father, the aged subject of this review, to whom they give every needed attention and endeavored to make his last years as comfortable and pleasant as possible.

ADRIAN C. SWART.

Very often it is greatly to the advantage of the farmer's boy that, instead of rushing off to the town or city nearest his native community, as so many of them do, to become a poor grocery clerk or factory employe, he remains in the country where he was brought up and where he knows what is necessary to make an honest living. He knows when and how to seed and harvest his crops, and knows what is necessary to insure success in the raising and marketing of stock. If he goes to the city he must learn another business, and enter into competition with men who have grown up to the business, which he must acquire; he is thus at a great disadvantage. These things seem to have been properly considered by Adrian C. Swart, for he has remained on the farm where he was born in Plain township, Wayne county, on February

20, 1864, and he has made a success of life in his chosen pursuit and is the owner of valuable property, whereas had he forsaken the old home when a boy and went to some metropolis he might today be living in a small rented house and working for a mere pittance. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Casper L. Swart, well known people in this county. The father was a farmer and owned the farm the subject is now living on. The mother, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Cormany, was born in Blachleyville. She died April, 1885, and the father died in October, 1898. They lie side by side in the Blachleyville cemetery.

Adrian C. Swart attended the district schools of his community during the winter months, spending his summers working in the crops on the home place. The farm had its attractions for him and he has devoted the rest of his life to agricultural pursuits. He is now the owner of one of the best farms in Plain township, consisting of one hundred acres in the edge of Blachleyville, a part of which is the old Swart homestead. He has greatly improved the same and has so tilled the soil as to cause it to retain its original fertility. He understands all the diversified phases of farming and he keeps some good stock; however, he does not make a specialty of stock raising. He has a good home, outbuildings, orchard, garden and all that goes to make such a life pleasant.

Mr. Swart was married on December 26, 1889, to Zoe G. Armstrong, daughter of W. V. Armstrong and wife, the former a son of William Armstrong, a pioneer of Canaan township, this county. They have two children, Paul Harrold, born December 16, 1890, and Miles Merrill, born November 22, 1892. Politically, Mr. Swart is a Democrat. His religious membership is with the Christian church, while fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

SAMUEL SCHMUCK.

History generally treats of those who have attained eminence in politics or statecraft, or in military circles and to some extent in the field of letters and art, but has little to do with those toilers upon whom the real prosperity and progress of the nations depend. It is left to specific biography to perpetuate the record of those law-abiding citizens who, in the midst of the active affairs of this busy wordaday world, have stood forth in integrity of purpose, loyalty to friends and native land, and in that enterprise and industry which have made for the well-being of their respective communities. To this class be-



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Samuel Schmuck



Mrs. Mary Schmuck

longed the late Samuel Schmuck, of Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, who during his active years was one of the progressive and successful farmers and stock growers of his township, where he passed the best years of his life and where he gained prosperity through his own well directed effort, the while commanding the unequivocal esteem of the community in which his life history is familiar.

Samuel Schmuck was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 9th day of July, 1822. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Hymiller) Schmuck, who, in 1832, made the long and wearisome trip from their section of the Keystone state to their new home in Wayne county, Ohio. Here the father entered a tract of land and during the remainder of his active years he devoted himself to the cultivation of this farm. His death occurred at the age of seventy-three years. The subject of this sketch was but ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, and he remained at home and assisted in the cultivation of the farm until his marriage in 1847, at which time he acquired a fine farm in section 23, Franklin township, where he spent his remaining days. He entered at that time actively into the work of improving and developing his newly-acquired place and succeeded admirably, the farm becoming widely known as one of the best in the township. Mr. Schmuck was energetic in his efforts and his business affairs were conducted with a soundness that seldom permitted him to err. He was indefatigable and gave his personal attention to every detail of the farm work so that he was able to realize handsome returns from his operations.

In 1847 Mr. Schmuck was united in marriage with Sarah Geitgey, a daughter of John Geitgey. She died, leaving one son, James Henry. The latter died in 1880, at the age of thirty-two years, leaving a widow and two children. On January 27, 1854, Mr. Schmuck married Mary Myers, a daughter of Daniel and Martha Myers, and to this union were born four children, namely: David Edwin; Sarah is the wife of S. H. Billman, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Ida May is unmarried and lives on the home place with her brother, David E., who is engaged in its operation; Anna May is deceased. Mrs. Schmuck's father, David Myers, was a native of Germany, where he was born in 1814, and at the age of seventeen years he came to the United States, the trip across the ocean requiring three months, during which period they were twice shipwrecked. He located in Pennsylvania, where he learned and worked at the carpenter trade. He married Martha (DeWeese) Shively, and they spent their last days on a farm in Wayne county, Ohio. The subject of this sketch died on the 19th of October, 1893, and in his death the community suffered a distinct loss, his having been one of those strong, virile

lives which leaves its impress on the entire community. His widow survived him a number of years, her death occurring on January 19, 1904. Their remains lie side by side in the cemetery at Wooster. They were members of the Lutheran church and in their lives they exemplified the religious faith which they professed. They were extremely domestic in their tastes, their chief concern being for their home and family, and the examples which they set before their children were worthy to be followed. Mr. Schmuck was a man of splendid personal qualities and enjoyed a large circle of warm personal friends, who admired him for his personal worth. On each Decoration day, with filial piety, his daughter Ida places the choicest flowers over his grave and that of her mother and sister Anna. He was endeared to his family by his kindness and their love for him is a perpetual memorial.

Within about two miles of Wooster, almost adjoining the lands of the State Agricultural Experiment Station, from the table lands, undulating in beautiful perspective, the Wooster University, north of the valley, observable, with commodious buildings, the prescience of the father is manifested by a value of twenty-five thousand dollars, upon the once modest and uncultivated beginning of his early home.

Edward and Ida are the sole owners of this model farm of about one hundred and seventy acres. Their large and commodious dwelling has the modern improvements and is tastefully furnished; the residence being within a short distance of Wooster, it is a combination of the conveniences of city and country life, and there is something quite novel in the ease with which their large number of acres is successfully managed. It has always been a hospitable home, and the children imitate the liberal disposition of the parents to their many friends.

There are many pleasant and honorable reminiscences in the family history. Samuel DeWeese and Jacob Besse, great-grandfathers of the Myers family, and a great-grandfather, Hymiller, of the Schmuck family, were soldiers of the Revolution of 1776, and Ida, the great-granddaughter, is a charter member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and also a member of the Wooster (Wayne county) chapter of the same society, and to which also Edward and the other children of Samuel Schmuck are eligible. The children have steadily followed in the religious footsteps of their parents, and are members of the Lutheran church.

The engravings presented of Samuel and Mary Schmuck indicate much personal beauty and intelligence, and their many virtues that can not be written, may be gathered from the fine expression of their pictures and the personality of their descendants.

CAPT. GEORGE P. EMRICH.

Prominent among the worthy representatives of the pioneer element in Wayne county is the Emrich family, the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch being an interesting and praiseworthy connecting link between that picturesque epoch and the opulent present, having played well his part in all phases of life in this locality and winning the right to be referred to as one of the county's most substantial and progressive citizens.

Capt. George P. Emrich, now living practically retired from the active duties of life in his beautiful home in Wooster, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, on September 15, 1821. His father, Joseph Emrich, was also born in Berks county, reared, attended the primitive schools and married there. Leaving the home of his ancestors, he made a tedious overland trip to Wayne county, Ohio, in May, 1831, bringing his family and household goods in an old-fashioned covered wagon, his son, George P., then being ten years of age. The family settled on a farm four miles north of Wooster, the land remaining all these years in the family name, the property of George P. for many decades. The elder Emrich purchased a half section owned by William Elgin and Mordecai Boon, Captain Emrich still possessing the government title to these lands, signed by President Madison. This land was developed into an excellent farm, Joseph Emrich having been a hard worker and a good manager. In his youth he married Elizabeth Kiser, who, like himself, was born of a fine old family of Berks county, Pennsylvania. This union resulted in the birth of three daughters and one son. The elder Emrich was summoned to his reward on August 31, 1863, in his seventieth year, his wife following him to the silent land in December of that year, aged sixty-five. George P., their son, remained under the parental roof, assisting, when he became of proper age, in the work about the place, until he was twenty-one years old, with the exception of about eighteen months spent with J. P. Coulter & Company, in their drug store, and with Robison & Jacobs, in the dry goods business in Wooster. He received a somewhat limited but serviceable education in the local schools, and in later years he became a well read man on current topics. Not taking any too kindly to the mercantile profession, young Emrich left Wooster and returned to his father's farm and for a period of three years cultivated the same upon the shares, thereby getting a good start. He then moved upon the west quarter of the original half section, having purchased the same from his father, going in debt for most of it, but it was all paid for in eight years, at the end of which time he went back to the old homestead, where he continued to reside and

prospered at general farming and stock raising, in a short time owning a half interest in the original homestead. He took an especial interest in stock raising, buying and selling, handling large numbers of good horses, having always been an admirer of good saddlers and drivers as well as draft animals.

The breaking out of the greatest of civil struggles in the world's history found him thus busily and successfully engaged, but he unhesitatingly left his business, his pleasant fireside and all that made life attractive and offered his services, like the loyal Spartan of ancient days, to his country. On August 15, 1862, he was commissioned captain of Company D, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a regiment which saw much hard fighting, and Captain Emrich comported himself as a gallant and fearless soldier in all the campaigns and battles in which his company was called upon to participate. He survived the scourge of malaria in the Mississippi swamps and the disaster at Chickasaw, where his company was without lieutenant or orderly, all being sick or detailed; also fought at Arkansas Post. On account of illness, in the spring of 1863, he was discharged for disability, after which he returned home and, for several years, his health was not robust, but he has never regretted his service to his country.

In 1866 Captain Emrich launched in the banking business in Wooster, in which he was very successful from the first and which has claimed his almost exclusive attention during his subsequent business career, long the well-known president of the National Bank at Wooster, a safe and conservative institution which owes much of its prestige to Captain Emrich.

In view of the fact that the Captain has always been a public-spirited man he has been deeply interested in whatever tended to the county's progress, politically and otherwise. In 1856 he was elected justice of the peace of Wayne township and so faithfully did he perform the duties of the same that he was re-elected in 1859, being the first Republican elected to that office in Wayne township. Although he erected one of the finest and most comfortable of homes in Wooster, on North Market street, he has always enjoyed the quiet retreat of his splendidly cultivated farm and spent considerable time there.

Captain Emrich has been twice married. On May 9, 1843, he and Sarah Fryberger, of East Greenville, Stark county, Ohio, were united in the bonds of matrimony. She was called to her reward on April 15, 1863. On August 24, 1865, the Captain married Kate Garver, of Chester township. Four children were born to the first union, one of whom, Will Emrich, long a teller in the Wooster National Bank, was a student of the University of

Wooster, and was a member of the scientific corps that visited the parks and canyons of Colorado under the direction of Doctor Stoddard, of that institution. Two children were born of the Captain's second marriage.

Captain Emrich has always been a close friend of Wooster University and has done a great deal in promoting its interests. He at the outset subscribed the sum of five hundred dollars to the institution, but later contributed liberally of his funds and time to procure whatever the university needed, having by his untiring efforts aided in obtaining sixty-five thousand dollars towards its subscriptions.

WOOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

An institution of which any community might well be justly proud is the Wooster Public Library and Museum, which is the delightful fruitage of faithful philanthropic labor, and no history of Wayne county would be complete were there failure to give it and the worthy gentleman who has been the principal moving spirit of the same, proper space and recognition.

In 1895 a few ladies met at the home of Mrs. George J. Schwartz and, in response to a long felt want, decided to start a reading room, the principal object being to offer some inducement to the young who might be wantonly wandering about the streets, to turn their attention to the perusal of wholesome literature. Thus the enterprise had its incipency, and everything started off very encouragingly, but after a year of continued success, interest waned, and although this was generally recognized as a worthy object, funds for its maintenance were secured with difficulty and abandonment remained as the inevitable outcome. In this trying and critical moment, George J. Schwartz was appealed to and, with generous and earnest spirit, he at once came to the rescue and for a period of four years solicited the necessary funds and otherwise aided to keep the reading room open, a very creditable and praiseworthy work which the people of the city and community fully appreciate.

Interest continuing to grow, a permanent organization was effected in 1897 and a charter for the Free Library Association obtained and a small appropriation was made by the board of education in 1900 toward paying expenses. The interest of all classes continuing to grow, the reading room became too small and larger and more attractive quarters were found and occupied. By the year 1903 these rooms had been outgrown and an appeal was made to Andrew Carnegie for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, which he

accordingly granted. At once plans were perfected, a suitable lot procured and actual work of constructing the new building was begun about May, 1903, but on account of a delay in obtaining proper funds and material, the building was not ready for occupancy until May, 1905. All during this period Mr. Schwartz was a moving spirit and he continued as trustee until in June, 1907, when his term expired and he failed of re-appointment. He had accomplished a great work in securing the building and otherwise aiding in keeping alive the interest in the library, which he had been connected with and deeply interested in for a period of twelve years.

The first six years of the enterprise were exceedingly hard, due especially to the raising of funds, and for years the library was continually indebted to Mr. Schwartz in the sum of many hundreds of dollars, not taking into account the time spent soliciting funds and collecting. The utmost persistency was required to keep the reading room open, but now it must be a great pleasure to Mr. Schwartz when passing the beautiful building to stop and look in at all its attractive appointments, cognizant of the fruits of his labors. All credit is due him and he has the lasting esteem and the admiring plaudits of his numerous acquaintances and friends for such a noble monument to his enterprise, foresight and unselfish ambition.

The many friends of George Julius Schwartz will be interested in knowing more of his life history, which has been replete with success, good deeds and little kindnesses to his fellow men, often laboring with disregard for his own good if thereby he might make someone better or happier. He has been especially interested in whatever tended to the general advancement of the citizens of Wooster and Wayne county, morally, socially or politically, and such a life, so filled with valuable lessons, should be emulated by the youth standing at the parting of the ways, whose destinies are yet matters for the future to determine.

Mr. Schwartz was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 18, 1848, the son of George and Mary Schwartz, the father born in Germany, the mother in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. They were people of much sterling worth and highly esteemed by all who knew them.

George J. Schwartz was educated in the Cincinnati public schools, receiving a good education, which has since been greatly augmented by miscellaneous reading and home study. He began his business life as a brush manufacturer, which he followed successfully for a period of thirty years, having been long associated with the famous Wooster Brush Works, which his father-in-law started in 1856 at Wooster, Ohio. Mr. Schwartz was associated with W. D. Foss in this plant for a period of twenty-eight years, having sold out

to a stock company in 1906, and the extensive patronage of this large concern was due in no small measure to Mr. Schwartz' judicious management and close application to its affairs.

Mr. Schwartz was married, on October 17, 1871, to Jennie Foss, the talented and cultured daughter of Adam and Mary Foss, of Wooster, one of the leading families of this city. This union has been graced by the birth of three sons, namely: George Foss Schwartz, the efficient professor of music at the University of Illinois; Arthur F. Schwartz, who died in infancy; and Julius Foss Schwartz, who is prominently connected with the Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. Schwartz is an Episcopalian and has held all the offices of honor within the gift of the local congregation. He is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, having attained the thirty-second degree, holding membership with Ebenezer Lodge, No. 33, Free and Accepted Masons; Wooster Chapter, No. 27, Royal Arch Masons; Wooster Council, No. 13, Royal and Select Masters; Wooster Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templar; Wooster Chapter, No. 270, Order of the Eastern Star; Lake Erie Consistory. Politically he is a Republican. He has held office by appointment during the several years and he has always been faithful to every trust reposed in him. During the past six years he was president of the sinking fund commission, and for the past three years he has held the office of secretary of the Wayne county blind commission. He was instrumental in securing the first paved streets for Wooster. He also brought the first individual here for the purpose of taking up the matter of electric lights for the city, which were later installed, due very largely to his efforts. He collected the money to erect the splendid band-stand that now graces the public square. For many years he has been aiding the University of Wooster, being an ardent advocate of higher education, and he is at this writing a trustee of that institution.

REV. SAMUEL B. LONGENECKER.

No man in Greene township, Wayne county, is held in higher esteem than Samuel B. Longenecker, owing to his life of sterling honesty and uprightness and his close attention to his individual business affairs. Starting in life under fair circumstances, he is making a comfortable living, at the same time doing much good to his neighbors and fellow citizens in many ways, so that he is a valuable man to the community where he has long resided. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1846, the son of Samuel

L. and Magdalena (Brubaker) Longenecker. Samuel L. came to Wayne county, Ohio, from his Pennsylvania home in 1865 and settled in Greene township, and after living here for a period of twelve years as a retired farmer, returned to Pennsylvania where he lived until his death. He was a good man, being a minister of the Gospel for the Zion Children church for many years and providing well for his family.

Samuel B. Longenecker, of this review, was reared on his father's farm in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He worked there during the summer months and in the wintertime attended the district schools, later went to the high school at Maytown. He received a good education and taught two winter terms of common school. In the fall of 1868 he came to Wayne county, Ohio. He soon afterwards married Elizabeth S. Brener, who was the daughter of a fine old family of this county where she was educated.

Mr. Longenecker first rented land, later bought his father's farm, and, being a hard worker and a good manager, he succeeded, carrying on general farming and stock raising in a way that proved him to be a modern farmer of the best type. On March 4, 1902, he moved from his farm to Smithville Station where he now resides, owns and farms twenty-five acres, having sold his farm to John and Annie Hostetler, the former being his son-in-law. He has a modern and nicely kept residence.

To Mr. and Mrs. Longenecker nine children have been born, six of whom grew to maturity, three sons and three daughters, namely: Frank, Mollie, John, Anna, Lizzie and Allen B.

While agriculture has been Mr. Longenecker's chief life work, he has also devoted considerable attention during the past few years to the Gospel, being at present the minister of the River Brethren church,—in fact, he has preached more or less for the past twenty-five years, being earnest in all he says and does. The local church where he preaches is always well attended. He is known throughout this locality as one of the leading citizens of a community noted for the high order of its citizenship. He is truly a good and useful man, but he is plain and unassuming, and strives to do his duty at all times, regardless of inconvenience to himself.

ANDREW JACKSON LANCE.

It was early in the nineteenth century that Peter Lance landed in Connecticut as a recently-arrived immigrant from Germany. Later he caught the western fever and, determining to better his fortunes beyond the Alleghanies, he joined the rush to Ohio and finally pulled up in the county of Jeff-

erson, when that section was still wild and but sparsely settled. He engaged in farming and met with fair success, being able to leave a small estate at his death. He married Mary, daughter of John Johnson, by whom he had a number of children, most of whom grew up and did well in after life. James, one of his sons, came to Wayne county in company with four brothers, three of whom settled in Milton and one in Chippewa township. James engaged in farming and prospered, being an extensive land owner at the time of his death in 1866. He was married twice and became the father of seventeen children. He married Mary Johnson, who died in 1875, after becoming the mother of thirteen children.

Andrew Jackson Lance, who was one of the "baker's dozen," was born in Wayne county, Ohio, October 29, 1846, and grew up as a member of that historic band known as the "pioneer children." The only schools of the famous early days in Milton township were of the log cabin variety, with puncheon seats, greased paper windows and immense gaping fire places. Mr. Lance as a boy took special interest in spelling and still proudly recalls his victories at the many spelling bees held under the roof of the old school house. He became known as the crack speller of the whole neighborhood, as a result of his "spelling down" both teachers and pupils,—in fact all comers,—when the lineup took place to test the skill in the old Webster speller, with its long lists of words. In 1888 Mr. Lance came to Canaan township and bought sixty-five acres of land, which at present lies within the corporate limits of Creston. He always followed farming and is regarded as a careful and painstaking agriculturist. Of late years he has given especial attention to onion raising and found it profitable. He has greatly improved his farm by erecting a commodious residence and up-to-date barn and other outbuildings, suitable for a progressive farmer in this age of advanced agriculture. Though a Democrat, Mr. Lance has tried to avoid office-holding and to keep out of the struggles of practical politics, notwithstanding which he was drafted to serve two terms as trustee of Milton township. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum.

On May 20, 1875, Mr. Lance married Katie Kostenbader, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio with her parents at the age of six years. By this union there are two children: Burr, the only son, assisted his father on the farm, and Bonnie, the daughter, is the wife of Lee H. Grunder and they have four children, namely: Anna, born in 1898; Reba, born March 3, 1901; Dale, born September 22, 1903; Fay, born June 21, 1906. Mr. Lance is a very pleasant and jovial man to meet.

KAISER W. TAYLOR.

The gentleman whose name heads this review is one of the honored citizens of Wayne county, having the prestige both of honored ancestry and of a personal record that commends him to all who know him. In the private affairs of life his course has been characterized by the strictest integrity and his service in the Spanish-American war was of such a character as to win for him the highest regard of his superior officers and his citizen friends at home.

Kaiser W. Taylor was born on a farm near West Salem, Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 12th of March, 1875, and is the son of William B. and Jane (Kaiser) Taylor. The father was born August 19, 1849, in Canaan township, Wayne county, and the mother on November 18, 1849, in Congress township, this county. They were married December 7, 1871, and started their wedded life on a farm of sixty acres in Canaan township. They were prospered and eventually moved to Congress township, where Mr. Taylor now owns a splendid farm of two hundred and seventy-two acres. In 1899 he retired from active agricultural pursuits and retired to the town of West Salem, where he erected one of the finest residences in that town, together with a large and well-arranged barn. He is a Republican in politics and has served seven years as township trustee. He and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they give a liberal support. They are the parents of four children, namely: Kaiser W., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Nellie M. Curtice, deceased; Mrs. Norah A. Schreffler, deceased, and Clyde E., who is a clerk with Freidlander & Company, of Wooster.

The subject's paternal great-grandfather, John Taylor, was a native of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and was one of the early settlers of Wayne county, Ohio. He lived to the remarkable age of ninety-four years. The paternal grandparents were Joseph and Lucinda (Hartman) Taylor. Joseph Taylor was born in Canaan township, Wayne county, in 1814 and died May 18, 1870, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife Lucinda was born at Troy, Ashland county, and was the daughter of Jacob Hartman, an early settler of that section. The subject's maternal grandfather was William Kaiser, who was born in 1804, and was an early settler of Congress township, to which he came in 1822.

Kaiser W. Taylor secured his elementary education in the district schools of Congress township, in which he made such progress that at the early age of twelve years he was able to enter the West Salem high school, where he

graduated in 1893. He then entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, where he graduated in 1896, with special honors. He there took a commercial course and specialized in civil engineering, with the intention of making that his life work. His plans were rudely interrupted, however, by the outbreak of the war with Spain. Mr. Taylor had joined the Ohio National Guard on January 15, 1897, becoming a member of Company C, Eighth Regiment. On the 8th of the following February he was made a sergeant. On April 26, 1898, the Eighth Regiment entered the United States service, and on May 9th the subject was commissioned as first lieutenant of his company. He went to Cuba with his command and participated in the Santiago campaign, including the siege and surrender of that stronghold. Company C was armed with black powder rifles and consequently he was detailed on the outpost guard. He was later detailed for detached duty in connection with the transfer of commissary stores at Siboney. Because of the lack of proper food and continued exposure, Lieutenant Taylor was taken ill and on August 26, 1898, he was taken to the army hospital at Montauk Point. From there he was transferred on September 8th to the Long Island College Hospital and was discharged from that institution on December 1, 1898. The Eighth Regiment was discharged from the service on November 21st, but because of his illness Lieutenant Taylor was not mustered out until January 6, 1899, at which time he was placed on the pension list. He served his country honorably and faithfully and is still feeling the ill effects of his exposure and hard service.

After his return from military service, the subject was incapacitated for work for three or four years, but finally decided that relief might be obtained through out-door life, and to this end he obtained a position in the rural mail service, in which he is still engaged. His health is making rapid improvement and Mr. Taylor expects to eventually resign this service and again take up his chosen profession, that of civil engineering. Prior to the Spanish war Mr. Taylor had done some successful work in the engineering line involving a two years tour of the North American continent, at that time visiting every territory and many provinces in the Dominion of Canada, over one-half of the states, many places of interest and importance in the republic of Mexico, and a considerable number of the islands of the Pacific.

Politically Mr. Taylor is a staunch Republican and in 1908 was the candidate of his party for the position of auditor of Wayne county, but the Democratic majority in this county precluded his election. His religious sympathies are with the Methodist Episcopal church at West Salem. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and because of

his military service he is affiliated with the Military Order of Foreign Wars, the Naval and Military Orders of the Spanish-American War, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Society of the Army of Santiago, and the Military Order of the Serpent.

As reflecting the standing of the subject in his home community, no better reference could be made than to the words of a local publication in reference to him: "He is a business college graduate and expert accountant and has been very successful in administering his own as well as the business affairs of others to which he has so frequently been entrusted. * * * Lieutenant Taylor is possessed of a genial personality, kindly in manner and uniformly courteous. By reason of these attributes he has won his way into the hearts of the people to such an extent that his nomination came to him unsolicited and without his knowledge of this intention of his friends and supporters. * * * As a soldier and citizen he has brought credit to the county from which he enlisted and will grace any position with honor to those who make that position possible."

ORLANDO GEORGE PINKLEY.

The Pinkley family has been a prominent one in Wayne county since the pioneer days and the present representatives of the name can look back with pride on the accomplishments of their ancestors whose reputations for right living and thinking have been kept untarnished by succeeding generations. Orlando George Pinkley was born in Marshallville, this county, October 29, 1859, the son of William and Barbara (Hawk) Pinkley. His grandparents on both sides of the house were natives of Pennsylvania; they came to Wayne county, Ohio, and here spent the remainder of their lives. William Pinkley was born in 1826 in Pennsylvania and after moving to various places, finally located in Wayne county, Ohio, in early manhood, where he followed the blacksmith's trade, at which he was very skilled and his shop was patronized from quite a radius around it.

Orlando G. Pinkley was education in Marshallville, receiving a fairly good common school education, and while yet a young man, he took up farming, first living near Paradise, later near Orrville; then, after farming in various places, he moved to near Congress where he lived for a period of fourteen years. In March, 1908, he purchased a farm of one hundred acres one and one-half miles south of Creston, and there he has remained, now living practically retired. He has carried on general farming in a way that has



*Mrs Orlando E. Pinkley
Creston, O.*



Orlando G Pinkley
Creston Ia.

stamped him as well abreast of the times and his present farm is a very attractive and well managed one. He has a good home and all the livestock necessary for his needs.

Mr. Pinkley was married September 8, 1880, to Christianna Deneke, a native of Orrville, Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Augustus and Christiana (Lautenschlager) Deneke, both natives of Germany, the former having come to the United States in 1844 and the latter in 1830. They met in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where they were married. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pinkley, namely: Bernice, wife of Corbin Lehman; Clanden died in infancy; Homer, who married Maggie Clouse; Dale married Miss Sylvia Young, daughter of George Young; Glen and Welker, at home.

Mr. Pinkley is independent in his political affiliations, preferring to vote for the man rather than the party. In connection with his general farming he bought and shipped hay for about eleven years and is well known in that capacity throughout the county. He has been very successful both in farming and dealing in hay. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and they have won the high regard of all who know them by reason of their generous, friendly manners, and their indorsement of all movements for the general good.

CHARLES W. BIDDLE.

In one of the most exacting of all callings the subject of this sketch has attained distinction, being recognized as one of the most successful teachers in the county of Wayne. He is a well educated, symmetrically developed man, his work as an educator having brought him prominently to the notice of the public, the result of which is a demand for his services where a high standard of professional excellence is required. He is a gentleman of scholarly tastes and studious habits, keeps abreast the times in advanced educational methods and his general knowledge is broad and comprehensive.

Charles W. Biddle was born in Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 13th of August, 1871, and he is a son of Philip and Phoebe (Elwood) Biddle, both of whom were natives of Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Philip Biddle was reared and educated in his native county. He was there married and shortly after the close of the Civil war he moved to Greene township, Wayne county, buying a farm near Orrville. The farm was largely uncleared land when he bought it, but by dint of persistent and unremitting toil he made

of it one of the best farms in that section. He has always followed the pursuit of agriculture, in which he has been reasonably successful. He has never taken an active part in politics, but has served his fellow citizens several terms in the capacity of township assessor. To him and his wife were born six children, all boys, as follows: Daniel is a farmer in Stark county; Martin is a railroad conductor and lives at Mansfield, Ohio; James is at home with his parents; Joseph is deceased; Jacob F. is a street railway motorman and lives at Massillon, Ohio; Charles W. is the immediate subject of this sketch.

Charles W. Biddle was reared under the parental roof and secured his elementary education in the common schools of Greene township. He attended school at Wadsworth two years, followed by two years at Mt. Union, following which he entered Wooster University with the intention of taking a full course there. However, during his first college year he was offered and accepted the position of superintendent of schools at Marshallville, Ohio. Subsequently he attended Wooster University during several summer terms. He held the position of superintendent of schools at Marshallville six years and then accepted a similar position at West Salem in the fall of 1905, and is still serving in this capacity. Mr. Biddle has achieved a distinctive success as a supervisor of education and since taking charge of the West Salem schools he has practically raised the standard to a four-years high school course. Under his supervision the faculty has been increased and much new equipment has been placed in the school. This school has the largest playground and campus of any school in the county. In many ways Mr. Biddle has impressed his individuality on the work done under his direction and he is generally recognized as one of the most successful instructors in the county. He possesses a genial and kindly disposition which wins friends and he takes a personal interest in every pupil under his charge, many of whom can testify to the wise counsel and friendly aid they have received from him. To him, the pupil's interests are paramount to every other consideration and no self-sacrifice is too great if by it a young person can be helped and started right in life.

On the 6th of September, 1899, Professor Biddle was married to Ohla Mae Ault, a native of Wayne county and the daughter of Valentine W. Ault, who has recently moved to Barberton, Ohio. Prof. and Mrs. Biddle have become the parents of one child, Evelyn Mae, born February 13, 1901. The subject and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they give an earnest and generous support. Socially Professor Biddle is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of

Odd Fellows. The subject is a Democrat in political belief and served three years as county school examiner and is now serving another term of three years. He is a man of sterling integrity and high qualities of character and is deserving of the universal regard in which he is held wherever known.

JOHN H. MILLER.

The two most strongly marked characteristics of both the East and the West are combined in the residents of the section of country of which this volume treats. The enthusiastic enterprise which overleaps all obstacles and makes possible almost any undertaking in the comparatively new and vigorous western states is here tempered by the stable and more careful policy that we have borrowed from our eastern neighbors, and the combination is one of peculiar force and power. It has been the means of placing this section of the country on a par with the older East, at the same time producing a reliability and certainty in business affairs which is frequently lacking in the West. This happy combination of characteristics is possessed by the subject of this brief sketch, John H. Miller, who was successfully engaged in the hardware business at West Salem, Wayne county, Ohio.

Mr. Miller is a native of Medina county, Ohio, where he was born September 11, 1874. He is the son of Alonzo and Rachel (Inman) Miller, the former of whom was born at Massillon, Ohio, in 1841, and the latter in Medina county. Alonzo Miller is a prominent man in his native county, owning four hundred acres of land, which he successfully cultivates. A Democrat in politics, he has been very active in party affairs and has several times been the nominee of his party for public office. He was the candidate for Congress in 1896 and for State Senate in 1898, but each time the large Republican majority in his district precluded any chance of his election. For a number of years he served as postmaster at Spencer, where he owns and operates a large flouring mill. Besides the subject, he has three other children, namely: Mrs. William Rullkoetter, of Springfield, Missouri; Mr. Rullkoetter is a professor in the Missouri State College; Frank I. Miller, a farmer; Charles E. lives in New Jersey. Alonzo Miller is a man of marked ability and stands high in his community. During the dark days of the Civil war Alonzo Miller evinced his patriotism by enlisting in Company B, Forty-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he became a corporal,

and he took part in a number of severe engagements during his three years of service, including the siege of Vicksburg, Fort Donelson, the Red River campaign, and was with General Butler at the battle of New Orleans.

John H. Miller received a good education in the public schools at Spencer, including the high school course. This education was supplemented by a course at the Spencerian Business College at Cleveland. On leaving the school room he was employed in a clerical capacity in Cleveland for three years. In 1900 he came to West Salem and engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued with fair success for four years, at the end of which time he sold that business and started a hardware store. In this latter business he achieved a distinctive success, having been compelled to double his stock during the five years in which he was in business. He is a wide-awake, energetic and progressive business man and received his full share of the public patronage. Courteous in manner, accommodating in his treatment of patrons, and a man of many fine personal qualities, he has made a host of warm personal friends and is considered one of the leading men of the community.

In politics Mr. Miller gives his support to the Democratic party in elections where national policies are involved, but in local elections he takes the stand that the personal fitness for candidates for the offices they seek should be of prime importance. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an earnest and generous supporter.

On April 28, 1903, Mr. Miller wedded Jennie Ferguson, a native of this county and a daughter of Reuben Ferguson, one of the county's representative farmers. To this union have been born two children, Dorothy and Paul. The family move in the best social circles and their home is a center of refined hospitality.

EDWIN ALBERT BARDEN.

The Barden family have long been among the best known in Plain township, Wayne county, identified for the most part with the agricultural interests of the locality in which they have figured conspicuously, Edwin A. Barden being one of the most progressive of the present generation in this vicinity. He was born in Plain township, August 21, 1867, the son of William and Catherine (Brumbaugh) Barden, an influential and highly respected couple who followed farming here for a long lapse of years.

Edwin A. Barden was educated in the Wilderness school and one winter



MR. AND MRS EDWIN A. BARDEN

was spent at the Wadsworth Normal. He applied himself very assiduously to his text books and received a good education. He began working on the home farm when very young, and after he had finished school he returned to the farm and assisted his father with the work there. He was married in 1891 to Izena May Staugh, the daughter of Thomas Corwin and Sarah (Allaman) Staugh.

Mr. Barden is the owner of a very productive and well tilled farm of ninety acres of land in Plain township where he carries on a general line of farming with gratifying results. He is a member of the Patrons of Industry, in which he takes a great deal of interest. Religiously, he belongs to the Christian church and in politics he is a Republican, but does not find time to take a hand in political affairs. He is now an active member of the local school board.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Barden the following children have been born: William, now a student in the high school at Mansfield, Ohio, where he is making a splendid record, having passed the common branches at the age of thirteen years; Sarah, Roderick and Beatrice are all living at home.

Thomas Corwin Stough, father of Mrs. Barden, was born in Blachleyville, Plain township, Wayne county, in 1840, the son of George and Anna Stough, both probably born in this part of Ohio. George Stough devoted his earlier years to farming in the western part of Wayne county and later in life was proprietor of an inn at Blachleyville, one of the first taverns in this part of the state. When the Mexican war began he was quick to offer his services and, being a man of unusual ability and courage, he became colonel of a regiment and brought honor to the house of Stough. His son, Thomas Corwin Stough, was a private during the Civil war in Company I, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Barden were Samuel and Barbara (Barnhart) Allaman, of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. Samuel Allaman and two brothers, John and Henry, came to Ohio and settled in Ashland county, while Samuel located in Wayne county, where he devoted his life to farming. Thomas Corwin Stough also devoted his life to farming except the time he was in the army, having enlisted at the age of twenty-one years and served three years, after which he became a traveling salesman. Since 1907 he has lived retired in Mansfield, having made a success of his life's work.

The following children were born to Thomas Corwin Stough and wife: Mary Celesta, Izena May, Anna, Gertrude, William, Nina, Blanche, DeCourcey and Madge, all living at this writing.

MARTIN H. BARNARD.

The most elaborate history is necessarily an abridgment, the historian being compelled to select his facts and materials from a multitude of details. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of incident, and yet in summing up the career of any man the writer needs touch only the most salient points, but eliminating much that is superfluous. Among the enterprising and progressive citizens of Wayne county, Ohio, is he whose name forms the caption to this article. Martin H. Barnard is a native of the township in which he now lives, having been born here on the 26th of June, 1885. He is the son of William V. Barnard, who also is a native of this county, born in Canaan township, and whose death occurred in 1890. He was a farmer by vocation and in 1879 he moved over into Congress township, buying a farm there two years later. He was a Republican in politics and in religion he was a member of the United Brethren church, to which he gave an earnest and generous support. He was a man of fine personal qualities and was highly regarded throughout the community. He married Anna Brickerhoff, a native of Congress township, and to them were born the following children: Bertha Elizabeth, deceased; George I., deceased; Anna May, who married Lloyd Martin, a successful farmer in Congress township; Carrie Pearl; Martin H., the immediate subject of this sketch; Dwight B., of Canaan township. The subject's paternal grandparents were John L. and Anna (George) Barnard, who were both born and reared in Wayne county. He was a shoemaker by trade and followed that vocation until his death, which occurred in 1870. He was a stanch Republican and was prominent in political affairs of his day. His wife died in 1874. They were both active members of the United Brethren church. The subject's paternal great-grandparents were Jacob and ——— (Smith) Barnard, who were natives of Pennsylvania and in an early day came to Wayne county, this state, where they lived during the remainder of their lives.

Martin H. Barnard received his early education in the Hilltop district school in Congress township. Owing to the death of his father, when he was but five years old, he was reared afterward by relatives of his mother. He was reared to the life of a farmer and has always been identified with this pursuit. In 1907 he began farming on his own account on rented land; and by dint of persistent energy and wise economy he was enabled, in January, 1909, to purchase his father's old home farm of one hundred and five acres, on which he is now living and operating. Mr. Barnard is an energetic,

wide-awake young man and is progressive in his ideas and methods, keeping in close touch with the most advanced ideas in agriculture. He carries on general farming, and has also some good livestock in the place, the general appearance of the place indicating the owner to be a man of sound judgment and discrimination in the conduct of his affairs.

On February 22, 1907, Mr. Barnard was united in marriage to Pansy E. Sheppard, and they are the parents of two children, Ann Elizabeth, born December 4, 1908, and Catharine Marie, born February 9, 1910. Mrs. Barnard was born July 16, 1884, in Congress township, and is the daughter of John Wesley and Eliza (Crater) Sheppard, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Politically, Mr. Barnard is a Republican and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He belongs to the United Brethren church and his wife to the Presbyterian, to both of which they give an earnest and generous support. A man of many fine personal qualities, Mr. Barnard enjoys the unbounded confidence of the entire community and is considered one of its leading citizens.

MICHAEL RICKEL.

Few men of Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, were as widely and favorably known as the late Michael Rickel. He was one of the strong and influential citizens whose lives became an essential part of the history of the community and for years his name was synonymous for all that constituted an honorable and upright manhood. Tireless energy, keen perception and honesty of purpose, combined with every-day common sense, were among his chief characteristics, and while advancing individual success he also largely promoted the moral and material welfare of his community.

Michael Rickel was born September 19, 1828, in Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, and was a son of Peter and Nancy (Rickel) Rickel. These parents were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively and were married in the latter state, and there two children were born to them. In 1825 they moved to Wayne county, Ohio, and there the father took up a farm near West Salem, making that his home during the remainder of his life. He died October 7, 1865, and his widow survived him more than a score of years, her death occurring May 8, 1888. They were the parents of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, only one of whom is living. Peter Rickel was a faithful member of the Evangelical church, and was pos-

sessed of many excellent qualities of character. He cared nothing for politics, aside from exercising the rights of franchise, but was a man highly respected throughout the community.

Michael Rickel was reared on his father's farm and in the common schools of Congress township he secured his mental training. At the time of his marriage he bought a farm of eighty acres, located south of West Salem, and gave his attention to its cultivation. He was enterprising and successful and was prospered so that he was able to add to his landed possessions, buying forty acres more. The farm was maintained at a high state of cultivation and Mr. Rickel acquired a reputation as one of the best farmers in the community. He carried on general farming and also gave some attention to the raising of livestock, in which also he was successful.

In politics he was an ardent Republican and took a live interest in local public affairs, having served many terms as supervisor of his township, in which official position he rendered efficient service. He and his wife belonged to the Evangelical church, to which Mrs. Rickel still gives a devoted support. Mr. Rickel's death occurred on the 1st of December, 1898, and his death was counted a distinct loss to the entire community.

On November 6, 1851, Mr. Rickel was married to Susan Hosler, who was born in Plain township, Wayne county, October 25, 1832, a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Lesh) Hosler. Her parents were early settlers of Wayne county, having come here from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1827. The father was a physician and a pioneer preacher, a cooper by trade and a farmer by occupation. He first located in Jefferson county, Ohio, on coming west, but soon afterwards removed to Wayne county. He died August 1, 1840, and his widow on September 10, 1879. Mrs. Rickel's maternal grandparents were Jacob and Katharine (Sheets) Lesh, who were natives of Germany and Pennsylvania respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Rickel was born a daughter, Olena, now deceased, who was the wife of John Esselburn, by whom she had a son, Chester, born in 1884. Mrs. Esselburn died August 7, 1899.

Devoted to home and family, and at the same time giving a proper attention to the affairs of the community in which all public-spirited men should be interested, Mr. Rickel was counted among the strong, stalwart men of Congress township. Dependent upon his own resources from boyhood, he so applied his energies and ability as to attain a success worthy the name, while his high standing in the community indicated the objective appreciation of his sterling character.

LUTHER H. FULTON.

It is always interesting to watch from the beginning the growth and development of a locality, to note the lines along which marked progress has been made and to take cognizance of those who have been factors in the work of advancement and in the establishing of a prosperous community. The subject of this review has been a witness of the development of Wayne county, since he was born here more than sixty years ago and has here passed the greater portion of his life, which has been one of signal usefulness and honor, involving the rendering of the loyal service of a true patriot, since he went forth in defense of the nation during the war of the Rebellion, participating in many of the most important battles of that memorable conflict. He is now numbered among the progressive and prosperous farmers of Congress township, and it is fitting that there be here entered a review of his life history, as being one of the representative men of his community.

Luther H. Fulton was born October 9, 1847, on the farm in Congress township, Wayne county, on which he now lives, and he is the son of William and Rhoda (Morris) Fulton, both of whom have passed away. The father was a native of New York state and the mother of Ohio. The subject comes of distinguished ancestry, his great-grandfather, Robert Fulton (born 1765, died 1815), having won immortal fame as the inventor of the steamboat. William Fulton, having determined to try his fortunes in the West, started for Ohio with only a horse, saddle and bridle, which his father gave him. It was a long, tiresome and oftentimes dangerous trip, but was made in safety. Locating in Wayne county, the courageous pioneer entered land, onto which he moved and here he developed one of the fertile farms of this section of the county. He had studied medicine and put his knowledge to good use among the early pioneers, many of whom were indebted to him for his kindly and timely ministrations, for much of which he received no compensation. William and Rhoda Fulton were the parents of eight children, only one of whom, the subject of this sketch, is now living, he having been the fifth in order of birth.

Luther H. Fulton was reared under the parental roof-tree and in his youth he received a good education in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the outbreak of the Civil war he gave unmistakable evidence of his patriotic spirit by enlisting in defense of his country, being assigned to Company K, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After seven months' service he was transferred to Company B of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Regiment, and still later to the Forty-eighth Regiment, with

which command he served until he was honorably discharged at Galveston, Texas, on May 9, 1866. At that time he was employed in guard duty while Galveston Island was being surveyed and the bay sounded. Mr. Fulton's military service was replete with much arduous and dangerous duty, all of which he discharged faithfully and with credit to himself.

Upon his discharge from military service Mr. Fulton returned to the old home farm, which he operated for awhile for his father. On the death of the latter the property changed hands several times, but eventually the subject was enabled to acquire possession of it and has since been engaged in its cultivation. The farm is most eligibly located and contains a full set of commodious and well-arranged buildings, while the general appearance of the place stands in unmistakable evidence of the thrift and progressive spirit of the owner. He here carries on general farming, raising all the crops common to this section and he realizes a gratifying return from his labor.

On June 29, 1876, Mr. Fulton wedded Melinda M. Berry, of Jackson township, a daughter of William and Margaret Berry, early settlers of this section of Ohio. To this union have been born three children, William Clyde, Pearl, deceased, and Fern R. In matters political Mr. Fulton gives his support to the Republican party, while socially he is an honored member of Post No. 184, Grand Army of the Republic, at West Salem. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, to which they give a generous and earnest support. Throughout his entire career he has been industrious, energetic and successful, and he has won for himself an honorable name in agricultural circles, while at all times he has received the unbounded confidence of his fellow men.

JAMES WALTER FERGUSON, M. D.

Dr. James Walter Ferguson is one of the well-known residents of Wayne county. He has gained distinction in the line of his chosen calling, in which he has ever been an earnest and discriminating student, and he holds a position of due relative precedence among the medical practitioners of this section of the Buckeye state.

Dr. Ferguson is descended from sturdy Irish ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Walter Ferguson, having emigrated from the Emerald Isle to America in about 1790, locating in Pennsylvania, probably in Westmoreland county. He married Rebecca Paul and of their children Thomas was the father of the subject of this sketch. He was born in Pennsylvania and in

that state he married Rebecca J. Patterson. They came to Wayne county, Ohio, in about 1829, locating just north of Congress, in the township of the same name, where the subject now lives. The father was a successful farmer and was also a highly esteemed school teacher. During his later years he confined his attention solely to agriculture and became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of fine land. He died in November, 1893, and was survived two years by his widow, her death occurring in 1895. The subject's maternal grandfather was James Patterson, who was numbered among the early pioneers of Ohio. Thomas and Rebecca Ferguson were strong Presbyterians in religious faith, and were the parents of eight children, of whom six, five boys and one girl, are living.

James W. Ferguson received a common school education, which was supplemented by attendance at the Canaan and Lodi academies. Having decided to make the practice of medicine his life-work, the subject studied under Dr. C. J. Warner of Congress, then attended a course of lectures in Cincinnati, after which he entered the medical department of Wooster University, the department being at that time located in Cleveland, Ohio, and there he graduated with the class of 1876. He then took a course of lectures in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery and then took up the active practice of his profession. He was first associated with Dr. C. J. Warner for a year and a half, and then went to Lodi and other places in search of a location to suit him, but he returned to Doctor Warner, with whom he formed a partnership that existed for seven years. At the end of that time the Doctor went to Canaan Center and was there engaged in the practice for seven years, and in 1896 he came to West Salem, where he has since remained. He is now the oldest practicing physician in this locality and is in command of a large and remunerative patronage. The Doctor has been remarkably successful in the handling of some difficult cases and he has a reputation as a successful physician that extends beyond the confines of his own community. A man of strong mentality and fine personal qualities, he has won a host of warm personal friends and he is popular with all classes, who esteem him for his sterling worth.

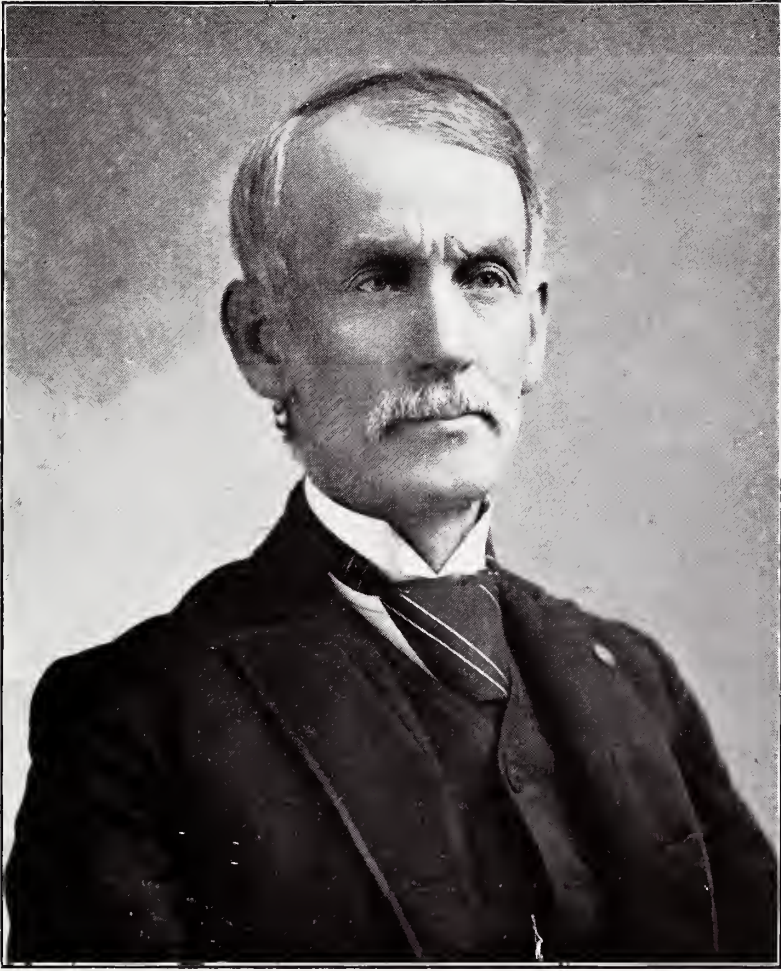
Doctor Ferguson is a Republican in politics, though his professional duties preclude his taking a very active part in public affairs. He has, however, given of his time for the public good, having served efficiently as health officer and member of the school board. His religious membership is with the Presbyterian church, of which he is a generous supporter. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Knights and Ladies of Security. He keeps in close touch with his professional brethren through

his membership in the Ohio State Medical Association and the Wayne County Medical Association, of both of which he is a valued member.

Doctor Ferguson has been married three times. He was married in 1877 to Eva C. Clark, who was a native of Wayne county, Ohio, but at the time of her marriage a resident of Mount Gilead, this state. To this union two sons were born, namely: Charles Reed, of Whitney Point, New York, and Thomas W., of Whitney Point. Mrs. Ferguson died in 1882 and in 1884 Doctor Ferguson wedded Anna K. Aughey, of the state of Illinois. Her father, Rev. J. H. Aughey, was living in Mississippi at the outbreak of the Civil war and because of his expression of Union sentiments he was arrested, imprisoned, escaped, recaptured, sentenced to be hanged, but providentially again escaped. Later he published an account of his experiences under the title of "Tupelo." To the second union of the subject one child was born, Mary A., who is a student in Wooster University and a teacher in the schools of West Salem. Mrs. Anna Ferguson died in 1890 and in 1892 the Doctor married Sylvia Turner. She is a helpmeet to the Doctor in the full sense of the word and is a lady of many fine personal qualities which have won for her a host of loyal friends. The Doctor is a man of genial disposition and kindly manner and his entry to the sick room carries with it hope and encouragement for the patient. He is enjoying a large practice and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the community.

CAPT. LEMUEL P. JEFFRIES.

Capt. Lemuel P. Jeffries, oldest son of John P. and Jane Jeffries, was born June 8, 1838, on the McMonigal homestead farm, near Wooster, Ohio. His father was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, and came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1836. His grandfather was Mark Jeffries, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, in 1787. Mark was a son of Richard Jeffries, born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1730; Richard was a son of Robert Jeffries, a Quaker, born in England in 1656 and emigrated to Chester, Pennsylvania, in 1681. His grandmother, wife of Mark Jeffries, was Rebecca Parsons, of Quaker English ancestry, born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, in 1783. His mother Jane was a daughter of Andrew McMonigal and was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1818; her father was born in 1791 near Carlisle, Pennsylvania; her grandfather, William McMonigal, was born in county Derry, Ireland, and emigrated to Ameri-



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ca in 1785; her mother, Sarah Glendenning, was born in county Tyrone in 1793, and came with her parents to America in 1801. His mother's parents, the McMonigals, settled as pioneers in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1814.

In youth Lemuel Jeffries learned the newspaper printing trade with Jacob A. Marchand. He also, when a boy, worked for Mr. Marchand, off and on, since 1852—was press roller boy in the office, carrier of the *Democrat* for two years, distributed bills as office boy, etc., and in 1856 was an editor of the *Wayne County Democrat*, published in Wooster. During the war of Secession, 1861-5, he was a soldier in the Union army.

On October 9, 1862, by Rev. James Reed, at the Howard House on West Liberty street in Wooster, Ohio, he was united in marriage to Harriet E. Howard, oldest daughter of Charles and Eliza (McCracken) Howard, which union resulted in two daughters, Emily and Helen Jeffries. He was for three years clerk of the Wayne county probate court and was mayor of Wooster for five terms of two years each; first for two terms from 1883 to 1887 and afterwards for three successive terms from 1893 to 1899, serving a total of ten years as mayor of Wooster, no other citizen having before served over two terms in that office.

Lemuel Jeffries enlisted as a private at Wooster, Ohio, on April 15, 1861, under President Lincoln's first call for troops to support the union, in Company E, Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was the first company organized in Wayne county for the war, his name being the fifteenth on the roll of volunteers. He was discharged from such "three-months" service, June 4, 1861, at Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati, by reason of his re-enlistment under Lincoln's first call for "three-years" troops, as a private in said Company E (Captain James McMillen), Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

In Virginia, in August, 1861, he was promoted from private in Company E to fifth sergeant of Company D and in October, 1861, after the death of Colonel Andrews, he was, by Col. James Cantwell, promoted to sergeant-major of the Fourth Regiment.

On recommendation for promotion by Col. John S. Mason, United States Army, who succeeded Colonel Cantwell, he was on December 22, 1861, commissioned second lieutenant by William Dennison, governor of Ohio, and was assigned to duty in Company G (Capt. Peter Grubb) and afterwards in Company D (Capt. Gordon A. Stewart). He was acting adjutant of the regiment for some time.

In September, 1862, he was promoted to first lieutenant by David Todd, governor of Ohio, and assigned to duty in his first Company, E, Fourth Regi-

ment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was honorably discharged at Fort Gaines near Georgetown, D. C., June 7, 1863, on surgeon's certificate of physical disability, caused by the hardships endured in the campaigns through which he had passed.

On recommendation of officers under whom he served and after going before a military board at Washington and passing a favorable examination as to soldierly qualifications, he was commissioned first lieutenant of Company C, Twentieth Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps, February 11, 1864, by Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States; and on September 8, 1864, President Lincoln promoted him to captain of that company at Point Look-out, Maryland. The Veteran Reserve Corps being a branch of the United States army, not belonging to any state troops, these commissions of lieutenant and captain, issued by the President, had to be and were confirmed by the United States Senate.

For a time he was an officer, captain and inspector on the staff of Gen. William H. Browne, of New York City, on duty in Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia with headquarters at Baltimore. He participated in the following engagements in Maryland and Virginia: Middle Fork Bridge, Rich Mountain, Mechanicsburg, Romney First, Romney Second, Blue Gap, French's Store, Bloomery Gap, Winchester, Cedar Creek, Woodstock, Edinburg, Mt. Jackson, Rood's Hill, Stony Creek, New Market, Salem, White Plains, Front Royal, Petersburg, Port Republic, Elvington Heights, Malvern Hill, Harrison's Landing, Second Bull Run, Centerville, Snicker's Gap, Fredericksburg, Falmouth, Bank's Ford, Monocacy.

He served under the following generals: J. D. Cox, Kelley, Schleigh, McClellan, Rosecrans, Benham, Lander, Shields, Nathan, Kimbal, Keyes, Ferry, Casey, E. B. Tyler, John S. Mason, S. S. Carroll, N. P. Banks, John C. Fremont, O. Brown, W. H. Browne, W. B. Franklin, W. S. Hancock, Alex. Hayes, Couch, W. F. Smith, E. V. Sumner, French, James B. Fry, A. E. Burnside, Joe Hooker, Grant, John Gibbon, E. K. Warren, O. C. Ord, McDowell, O. O. Howard, Lew Wallace, etc.

With other soldiers then in that department of the country, Captain Jeffries at once went to Washington at the time President Lincoln was assassinated by Wilkes Booth, and early in the morning of April 15, 1865, he was in the excited and sad crowd of citizens and soldiers in front of the house (to which the night before Lincoln had been carried unconscious from Ford's theater), when the President died. He was one of the many soldiers at the funeral of Lincoln in Washington, and was among the guard of honor that stood near the remains while thousands of citizens passed by taking a "last view."

A month after this, on May 23, 1865, he was among the tens of thousands who participated in the "Last Grand Review" of the Union Army at Washington.

After this he was sent on duty into Virginia on the "Reconstruction" service under Gen. O. O. Howard—Gen. O. Brown having charge of the state of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond. Captain Jeffries was stationed at Jerusalem, Southampton county, Virginia, on the Nottaway river near the great "Dismal Swamp" running into North Carolina.

In brief, Lemuel Jeffries served in the Union army from 1861 to 1866, as follows: Private Company E, Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry; fifth sergeant Company D, Fourth Regiment; first sergeant Company D, Fourth Regiment; sergeant major Fourth Regiment; second lieutenant Company G, Fourth Regiment; second lieutenant Company D, Fourth Regiment; acting adjutant Fourth Regiment; first lieutenant Company E, Fourth Regiment; first lieutenant Company C, Twentieth Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps; captain Company C, Twentieth Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps; captain on general's staff; captain on "Reconstruction" duty in Virginia; his muster out of the service.

In April, 1866, he returned from Virginia to Washington, where, on May 4, 1866, a year after the war closed, he was, as captain of Company C, Twentieth Regiment Reserve Corps, honorably discharged from service and returned to his home in Wooster, Ohio.

Captain Lemuel Jeffries died at his home in Wooster in the spring of 1909.

ALBERT I. HARTZLER.

Upon the roll of representative citizens and prominent and influential agriculturists of Greene township, Wayne county, appears the name of Albert I. Hartzler, who is also a stock man of more than local reputation, and he has been successful in whatever he has been interested. His birth occurred in Holmes county, this state, November 9, 1869, the son of Isaac and Sarah (Mast) Hartzler, the former born on a farm in Greene township, this county, October 16, 1824, and his death occurred here May 24, 1900. He was reared to manhood in his home community and then went to Holmes county, where he married Sarah Mast, daughter of Abraham Mast, of the last named county, and in 1877 he returned to Wayne county and here spent the remainder of his busy and successful life. He was one of the prosperous farmers of this

locality. When he returned here from Holmes county he located where his father, John Hartzler, had settled when he came here from Pennsylvania in an early day. Thus the name Hartzler has long been a familiar and highly respected one in this part of Wayne county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hartzler six children were born, namely: Catherine, who became the wife of John Kreger; Jacob died in infancy; Joseph, who married Mary Gingerich, lives in Texas; Albert I., of this review; Sarah, wife of J. S. Yoder, of Greene township; Elias E. married Rachael Grove.

Albert I. Hartzler was born in Holmes county and in 1877 he accompanied his parents to Wayne county where he has continued to reside to the present time. He was educated in the common schools, and when he reached maturity he married Amanda B. Burkholder, daughter of J. K. Burkholder, well known in Greene township where Mrs. Hartzler was reared and where she received her education in the district schools.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hartzler settled on the old homestead which they now own, located in section 15, Greene township, consisting of one hundred and sixty-three acres, which is among the richest farms of the county. Having been a good manager, Mr. Hartzler has not worn his land out, but on the contrary has increased its productiveness. He has a large commodious bank barn, and beautifully located brick house. He is an extensive stock raiser, being a breeder of short-horn Durham cattle, many of them being registered.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hartzler the following children have been born: Elma M., born May 18, 1897; Nora E., born April 11, 1900; Ellis R., born January 29, 1902; Elida, born June 27, 1904.

Mr. Hartzler is a member of the Amish Mennonite church, and is one of the deacons of the same.

OSCAR DAVID KAUFMAN.

The history of this excellent family goes back to a remote period in the old Keystone state and from that day to this the many members bearing this name have endeavored to bear aloft the worthy name of the earliest progenitors in this country, thereby becoming well established and favorably known in whatever community they have been pleased to reside. Oscar D. Kaufman, one of the best known of this name in Wayne county, whose present home is at Wooster, was born at Blachleyville, this county, on October 12,



O. L. Kaufman

1878, the son of Thomas J. and Susan (Urban) Kaufman, the former born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, in 1834 and the latter in Lancaster county, that state, in 1847. Thomas J. Kaufman came from his Pennsylvania home to Ohio in 1840. The earliest record of the Kaufman family that can be definitely traced is that they were substantial citizens of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1790. The paternal grandfather is described as a man of sterling characteristics and of good business sagacity, and he left each of his children a very substantial inheritance when he died. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1798, and he began his career in Juniata county, that state, in the farming and stock business. Learning of the better advantages to be had in Ohio, then practically undeveloped, he emigrated overland to Wayne county in 1840, making the journey in old-fashioned covered wagons, and here, amid primitive conditions, he soon had a good start and his business grew to large proportions, in raising and fattening cattle and in the stock commission business. He became one of the influential men of his community and his advice was often sought in various business matters. His death occurred in 1864.

Oscar D. Kaufman had the advantages of a liberal education, passing through the common schools and taking a special literary course in the University of Wooster, also graduating from the Wooster Business College. After finishing his school work, he turned his attention to farming, and with the exception of the year 1899, at which time he was employed by the Ashland & Wooster Railroad Company, his time was spent on the farm. In October, 1904, he was appointed rural letter carrier from Funk, his home office, which he served very creditably until April 1, 1907, when it was discontinued and he was ordered to report at Wooster, Ohio, where he was in charge of a route from that office. He is a member of his county association of Rural Letter Carriers, and has served as delegate to several of the state conventions of this organization. He successfully passed the examination for the railway postal service and has a high mark on the list of eligibles for that department.

Politically, Mr. Kaufman is a Republican and has always been active in political matters, and at one time he served very faithfully as central committeeman. He was elected justice of the peace in 1904, and he was twice candidate for county recorder, but owing to the large Democratic majority failed of election, but made a very good race. The Kaufmans are members of the Lake Fork Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Kaufman belongs to the St. James Club and the Taft Club. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Maccabees, Ebenezer Lodge, No. 33, Free and Accepted Masons, Wooster

Chapter, No. 27, Royal Arch Masons, Wooster Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Wooster Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templar. He stands high in Masonic circles of the state and he believes in carrying into his everyday life the sublime precepts taught by these worthy orders.

SWEN A. SWANSON.

To a great extent the prosperity of the agricultural sections of our great country is due to the honest industry, the sturdy perseverance and the wise economy which so prominently characterizes the foreign element that has entered largely into our population. By comparison with their "old country" surroundings, these people have readily recognized the fact that in America lie the greatest opportunities for the man of ambition and energy. And because of this many have broken the ties of home and native land and have entered earnestly upon the task of gaining in the new world a home and competence. Among this class may be mentioned Swen A. Swanson, who, by reason of years of indefatigable labor and honest effort, not only acquired a well-merited material prosperity, but has also richly earned the highest esteem of all with whom he has associated.

Swen A. Swanson is a Scandinavian by birth, having been born in far-away Sweden on the 20th of October, 1854, and is the son of Swen and Anna (Birdson) Swanson, both also natives of that country. The father was a soldier by profession, being a member of the standing army of Sweden. They were the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, all of whom are living. Of these, the subject and a sister are the only ones who came to the United States. The father's death occurred in 1883 and his widow survived him a number of years, her death occurring in 1909. They never left their native land.

The subject was reared by his parents and received his education in the common schools of his native land. He was reared to the life of a farmer and in 1874 he emigrated to the United States, locating first in New Jersey, where for three months he was employed as an ore miner. He then took up railroad work, in which he was engaged in a number of states for several years. However, he could not overcome his longing for the free outdoor life of the farm and the stimulating odor of the fresh soil, and in 1881 he came to Wayne county and for a number of years he was engaged in the cultivation of rented land. He was energetic, enterprising and economical and in 1902

he was enabled to purchase a farm of one hundred acres in Congress township, in the cultivation of which he has since been employed. He has made a number of permanent and substantial improvements on this property and has maintained it at the highest standard of excellence. He here carries on a diversified system of farming, raising all the crops common to this section of the country, and in connection with his farming operations he gives some attention to the raising of livestock, in which also he has been successful. During 1910 Mr. Swanson bought an attractive home in the quiet village of Pleasant Home, where he will reside, laying aside the major part of the work which has characterized his active years.

In politics Mr. Swanson gives his support to the Republican party and takes a live and commendable interest in local public affairs, though he is not in any sense a seeker after public office or preferment. In religion he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, and in their daily lives they exemplify the religion which they profess. Fraternally, he is a member of the Grange.

On the 15th of February, 1883, Mr. Swanson was united in marriage with Maria Swinehart, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Josiah and Martha Swinehart. This union has been a most happy and congenial one and has been blessed in the birth of four children, namely: Edna, Alice (the wife of Vern Kime), Irwin and Elmer. Mr. Swanson's business methods have ever been commendable and have gained for him the high regard of all with whom he has been associated. By persistent energy, sound judgment and keen foresight he has succeeded in his chosen line of endeavor and is now the owner of one of the valuable farms of Congress township.

BENJAMIN GERIG.

One of Greene township's worthy and highly respected citizens is the above named, Rev. Benjamin Gerig, a man who is nobly performing his work as a minister of the Gospel, always willing and zealous to do his part in furthering the movements instituted here that will benefit his fellowmen in any way. He was born in France in 1842, the youngest son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Gerig. The former spent his life in agricultural pursuits and they were members of the Amish Mennonite church. Neither he nor his wife ever came to America. They were the parents of thirteen children. After the parents had died, which occurred while the subject of this

sketch was yet young, and being among strangers, his school work being completed, which consisted of French and German, receiving a fairly good education, which has since been supplemented by wide reading and home study; and since the French government at that time required of every male citizen to serve in active military service for seven years and this not being in harmony with his religious belief, and there seemed to be greater opportunities in the New World, he emigrated to America in 1860, at the age of seventeen years, following a former brother, who came for the same reason in 1856. Mr. Gerig married Lydia Schrock in 1862. She was born on the farm where they now reside, and was a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Burkholder) Schrock, who emigrated to America from Switzerland in 1817. After their marriage they began farming as an occupation, and were successful in their work, in a general way improving their farms in fertility, buildings, etc.

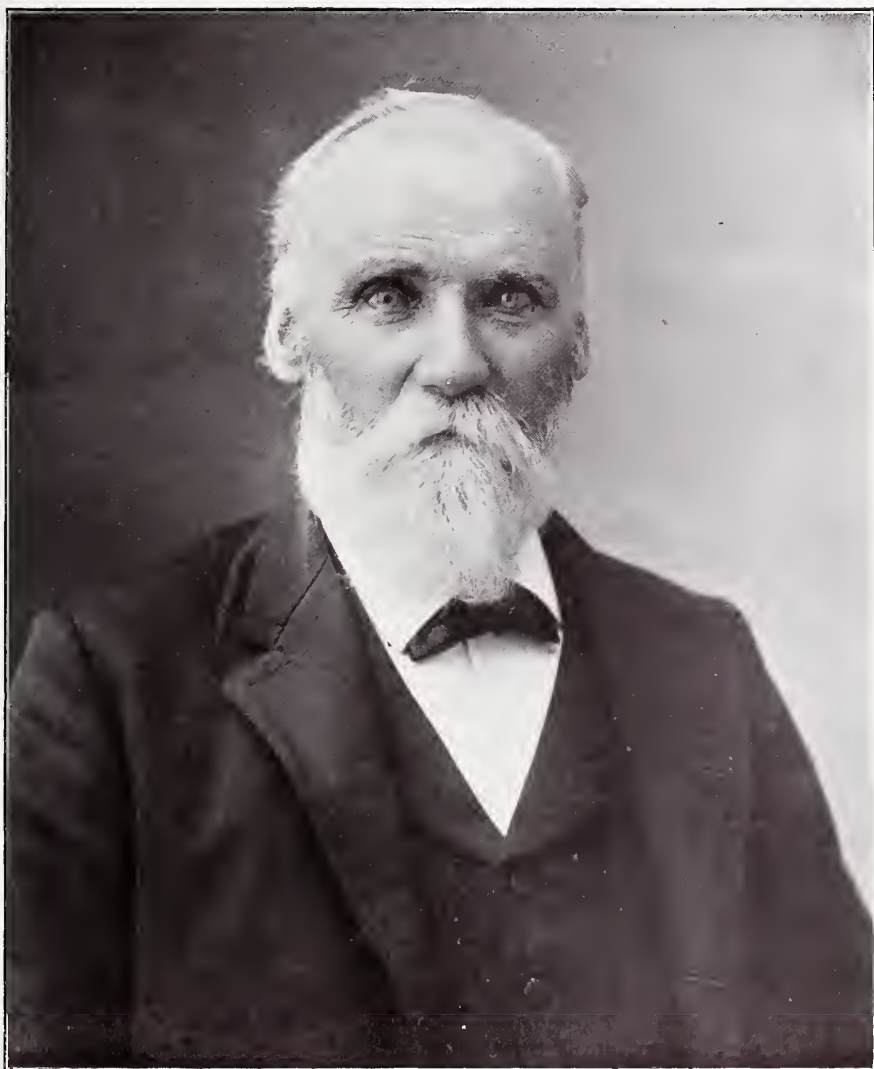
To Mr. and Mrs. Gerig ten children were born, as follows: Caroline, Jacob, Seth, Emma, John, Catharine, Daniel, Christian, Lydia and Fanny. These all grew up to manhood and womanhood and most of them are married and are living in the community. Caroline, the oldest, died in 1898.

Benjamin Gerig was ordained to the ministry in the Amish Mennonite church in 1894 and in 1895 to the important office of bishop and is serving the church in this capacity at the present time. His charge is Oak Grove and Pleasant Hill, doing occasionally evangelistic work outside of his own charge. He visited most of the above named congregations throughout the United States and Canada. He is well and favorably known by all classes, whom he desires to serve to the best of his ability in every way possible.

JAMES T. STITT.

Among the honored veterans of the war of the Rebellion is numbered Mr. Stitt, who accorded to his country the loyal and patriotic service of a true son of the republic, and whose life has been such as to commend him to the respect and good will of his fellow men. He is one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, and is a citizen of splendid personal qualities. His public-spiritedness and interest in the general welfare of the community has commended him to the favorable estimation of his fellow men and today he enjoys an enviable reputation in the township.

James T. Stitt is a native son of the Buckeye state, having been born in



James T. Stitt

Belmont county on February 22, 1839, the son of Robert and Eliza (Templeton) Stitt. In the spring of 1849, the family came to Wayne county and bought land in section 27, Franklin township, the tract comprising one hundred and sixty acres. To the task of clearing and improving this land the members of the family at once applied themselves and they succeeded in creating one of the choice and productive farms of the locality. The log house was built which did service until a substantial frame house was erected, and this first log house is still standing in excellent condition. Robert Stitt died in 1860, at the age of fifty-one years, while his widow survived him more than a quarter of a century, her death occurring in 1887, at which time she was seventy-three years old. She was a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and was of sturdy Scotch-Irish descent, while her husband was born near Mount Pleasant, Jefferson county, Ohio. He was a Democrat in his political faith during his earlier years, but subsequently he allied himself with the Republican party, whose tickets he afterwards supported. He took a live and commendable interest in local public affairs and rendered appreciated service as trustee of his township. Originally they were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church, but in 1858 they severed their relations with that body and joined the Associate United Presbyterians. Robert and Eliza Stitt were the parents of the following children: John, who, during the Civil war, was a member of Company C, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, holding the rank of corporal and sergeant, was in the siege of Vicksburg, and died soon after that event; James T., the immediate subject of this sketch; William, who now resides at Grand Island, Nebraska, was a soldier in Company C, Sixteenth Ohio Regiment; Alexander, deceased, was a member of the same command and his death occurred three months after his enlistment, at Camp Denison; Robert T. was a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, died in hospital at Cairo, Illinois, while on a furlough, and is buried at Wooster; Joseph H., deceased; Mary J., deceased, was the wife of Rev. J. H. Turnbull, who also is deceased; Lucy J., the wife of B. F. Wallace, of Bloomington, Wayne township; Eliza is the wife of W. C. Cummings, of North Wooster; Margaret, of this township.

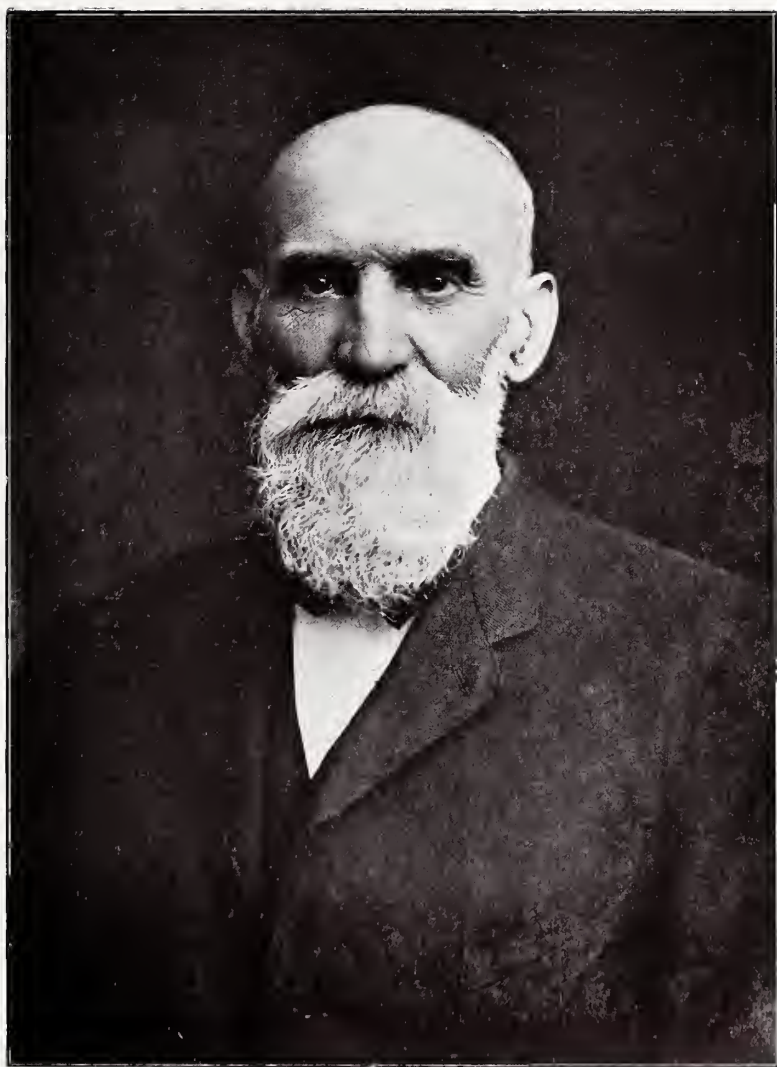
The subject was ten years of age when he accompanied the family on their removal to Wayne county. He was given the advantage of attendance on the common schools and the public schools of Wooster. He received a good education and taught school with marked success for ten consecutive years during the winter months. He then engaged exclusively in farming, to which line of effort he has since confined his attention. In May, 1864, Mr. Stitt evinced his patriotism by enlisting for the defense of his country, join-

ing Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was appointed sergeant, and his command was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, the subject being stationed during the greater part of the time at Washington. He was honorably discharged from the service at Cleveland, Ohio, in September of the same year and at once returned home. Since then he has been continuously engaged in the tilling of the soil, and has achieved a marked success in this line. He is the owner of a splendid farm of one hundred and twenty-nine acres, all the improvements of which have been made by himself. The land is very fertile and under the careful and discriminating care of Mr. Stitt it has been made to return splendid results. Mr. Stitt is progressive in his methods and ideas and nothing is left undone to keep the place up to the highest standard of excellence.

Mr. Stitt was married to Mary Taggart, a native of Franklin township and the daughter of William and Lydia M. Taggart. To this union have been born two children, Robert W. and William T., both of whom are at home. Politically, Mr. Stitt is an ardent advocate of Republican principles and has taken an active part in local campaigns, though he has never been persuaded to seek public office for himself. His religious affiliation is with the United Presbyterian church at Wooster, of which he is an earnest and liberal supporter. Mr. Stitt has witnessed many changes in conditions in Wayne county since his boyhood days and can relate many interesting reminiscences of those days. He is, despite his years, as alert mentally as ever and takes a keen interest in the trend of passing events. His sterling qualities of character, his indomitable industry and his genial manners have won for him a host of warm personal friends throughout the community in which he lives and he is eminently entitled to representation in a work of this character.

HARVEY LINDSEY.

Though no land is richer in opportunities or offers greater advantages to its citizens than America, success is not to be obtained through desire, but must be persistently sought. In America "labor is king," and the man who resolutely sets to work to accomplish a given purpose is certain of success if he has but the qualities of perseverance, untiring energy and practical common sense. Harvey Lindsey is one whose career excites the admiration and gains the respect of all, for through his diligence and persistent purpose he has won a high place in agricultural circles in Wayne county, where he has made his home for more than two score of years.



HARVEY LINDSEY

Mr. Lindsey is a native son of the old Keystone state, having been born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th day of May, 1849. His parents were Alexander and Eleanor (Taylor) Lindsey, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. The subject's paternal grandparents were of Irish descent on the male line and old New England Yankee stock on the female side, the combination of these two nationalities usually being one of peculiar force and power. Alexander Lindsey was a farmer by occupation and a shoemaker by trade and was most highly esteemed in the community where he lived. He enjoyed good health during his life and lived to the advanced age of eighty-five years, he having died within forty rods of where he first saw the light of day. He was twice married. By his first marriage he became the father of two children, both of whom are deceased, and by his second union he had eight children, all of whom are living. He lived a quiet and unostentatious life, but enjoyed a large circle of warm personal friends, who esteemed him for his personal worth.

Harvey Lindsey, the immediate subject of this sketch, attended the common schools of Pennsylvania and also secured some school training after coming to Ohio. In 1866 he became a citizen of the Buckeye state and has followed the pursuit of agriculture almost continuously since coming here. For a score of years after coming to this state he farmed on rented land, occupying a number of different farms from time to time, and in 1886 he moved to the state of Kansas, in the hopes of finding a place to suit him. After two years residence there, however, he came to the conclusion that Ohio possessed advantages equal to anywhere else and he returned here and soon afterwards bought a farm of sixty-two acres, to the operation of which he immediately applied himself. He was enterprising in his methods and indefatigable in his industry, as well as wise in his economy, so that in due time he was enabled to add to his original possession until today he is the owner of a fine and fertile farm of one hundred and two acres, comprising one of the choice farms of this section of Wayne county. Mr. Lindsey has made a number of permanent and substantial improvements on the place, including several well built and conveniently arranged buildings. The farm is well fenced and due attention is given to the proper rotation of crops and other elements which contribute to the successful prosecution of agriculture, so that he has been enabled to realize a gratifying return for the labor he has bestowed. In addition to the prosecution of general farming, he has also given considerable attention to the breeding and raising of livestock, the Ohio Improved Chester breed of hogs being his specialty. In this line he has achieved a distinctive success, some very fine animals having been raised by him.

In politics Mr. Lindsey has ever rendered a staunch allegiance to the Re-

publican party and has given proper attention to public affairs, as far as the exercise of his right of franchise, but he has been too busy with his own business affairs to seek office or public preferment. In religion, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they take an active part, at the same time giving their unreserved support to every movement having for its object the betterment of the community in any way. During the Civil war, Mr. Lindsey offered his services to the government, but because of his youth he was not permitted to enlist.

Mr. Lindsey has been married three times. On the 10th of March, 1870, he married Susan Chasey, a native of Wayne county, and a daughter of Jacob Sechrist, and to this union were born three children, Mary, Effie and Charles. Mrs. Susan Lindsey died on December 6, 1894, and on the 10th of September, 1896, Mr. Lindsey wedded Cynthia Clouse, who was born in Wayne county August 15, 1856. Her parents dying when she was but a child, she was reared to womanhood by an aunt, Mary Clouse. By his second union Mr. Lindsey became the father of two children, Ruth and Fay. The mother of these children died on August 11, 1903, and on the 29th of March, 1906, Mr. Lindsey married Mary C. Stahl, of Cleveland, Ohio, to whom no children have been born. Mrs. Lindsey was born February 24, 1861, in Medina county, this state, and is the daughter of William and Mary Matilda (Hagans) Stahl. Her father was a native of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and her mother of Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, the former being a carpenter by trade, but a farmer by occupation after his marriage. Mrs. Mary M. Stahl died December 31, 1872. She was the mother of seven children, four of whom are now living. By a subsequent marriage Mr. Stahl became the father of five children, three sons and two daughters, one daughter being deceased. The father's death occurred on December 7, 1890.

During all the years of his residence in Wayne county Mr. Lindsey has given his support to measures for the general welfare and has been accounted one of the most progressive and practical farmers in his section of the county. Careful management, good business ability and honesty in trade transactions have brought to him the high degree of success which he now enjoys.

BENJAMIN H. SMITH.

One of the most straightforward, energetic and successful agriculturists of Wayne county is Benjamin H. Smith. He is public-spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material

welfare of his locality, and for many years he has been numbered among its most valued and honored citizens.

Benjamin H. Smith was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of September, 1857, and is a son of Henry L. and Sarah A. Beisel. On the paternal side the subject is descended from English ancestry and on the maternal side the line is traced to German antecedents. Both families were early and prominent pioneers of Lehigh county, the subject's paternal grandparents having emigrated to that locality from England, while his maternal grandparents were former residents of New York state. Henry and Sarah Smith were married in Pennsylvania and about two years after the birth of the subject of this sketch they came to Ohio, locating in Wayne county. The father was a millwright and machinist by profession and he has worked at these lines practically all his life. Both of these parents are still living, though the father is now retired from active labor. In politics he is a Democrat, though he has never been an office-holder, nor has he had any desire for public preferment of any nature. During the Civil war Henry L. Smith enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served about five months. This regiment was sent to Washington to assist in the defense of the nation's capital, but was not sent to the front. Mr. Smith has long occupied an enviable position in the estimation of his fellow citizens, his sterling qualities of character winning for him the sincere respect of all who know him.

Benjamin H. Smith received his elementary education in the district schools, supplementing this by attendance at the Northwestern Normal University, at Ada, where he took a full business course. He learned the trade of a carpenter and machinist and was steadily employed along these lines until 1897, when he purchased the splendid farm which he now occupies and which he has since engaged in operating. The farm comprises one hundred and twenty acres and is eligibly located in Congress and Chester townships. On this place Mr. Smith has made many valuable and permanent improvements, including the erection of commodious and well-arranged buildings and the laying of about five miles of tiling, besides many minor improvements, all of which have tended to appreciate the value of the place, which is today considered one of the best farms in the locality. Here Mr. Smith conducts general farming, raising all the crops common to the section of country in which he lives, and in connection therewith he gives considerable attention to the breeding and raising of live-stock, in which he has been very successful. He is progressive and enterprising in his methods and has achieved a distinctive success in his undertaking. He is now taking life a little easier

than during his younger years, leaving most of the active labor of the farm to younger men, but still maintains a personal supervision over the general operations conducted on the place.

In matters political, Mr. Smith has always given his support to the Democratic party and has taken a deep interest in local public affairs, having held several township offices in Congress and Chester townships, including those of constable, school superintendent and assessor. In all these positions he discharged his official duties to the full satisfaction of his fellow citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are earnest and faithful members of the Presbyterian church, in the workings of which they take a deep interest and to which they give a generous support, being numbered among the leading members of the society.

On the 8th of January, 1880, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Sarah L. Howey, a native of Wayne county and a daughter of John and Nancy Howey, early settlers of Wayne county. Mrs. Smith's paternal grandfather, George Howey, was one of the pioneers of this township and was a man prominent in the public affairs of the township in its formation period. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been born one son, George, who is now married, his wife's maiden name having been Ida Billheimer.

That Mr. Smith has lived and labored to goodly ends is clearly indicated in the position which he holds in the confidence and regard of his fellow men and in the success which has crowned his efforts in the great basic art of agriculture. He is a business man of much more than ordinary ability, and his unremitting toil and close attention to business throughout his active career have been the means of winning for him the comfortable competence which today is his. He is a man of genial disposition and kindly manners, and these qualities, together with his well-recognized sterling worth, have won for him the friendship of all who know him.

HENRY COFFMAN.

Among the prominent and successful citizens of Wayne county, Ohio, must be mentioned Henry Coffman, who is a prosperous farmer and respected and useful member of society. His valuable estate, which is located in Franklin township, attracts attention and favorable comment, not only on account of the evidences of agricultural superiority, but also by reason of its attractiveness and its air of generous comfort.

Pennsylvania is the native state of the subject of this sketch, he having been born in Bedford county, that state, on the 23d of May, 1836. He is a son of Peter and Catherine Coffman, who also were natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, the paternal grandfather, Henry Coffman, having been a native of Germany. In the fall of 1846, when the subject was about eleven years of age, the family came to Wayne county, Ohio, locating first at Wooster. In the spring of the following year they moved onto the Goodman farm, where they remained as renters four years, later becoming renters of the Jefferson farm, where they continued until 1854. They were members of the Lutheran church and their remains are buried in the Oak Grove cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: John, deceased; William, deceased; Michael, of Franklin township; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Bartram; Kate, who married a Mr. Miller and resides near Shreve, this county; Henry, the immediate subject of this sketch. The parents of these children were worthy persons and enjoyed an enviable standing in the community in which they lived. The father was a Democrat in his political views, but did not take an active part in local public affairs, his own business interests absorbing all his time and attention. He was a public-spirited man, however, and gave a cordial support to every movement which promised to benefit the community.

Henry Coffman was reared under the parental roof and secured a fair education in the district schools of the neighborhood. Owing to financial circumstances in which the family was placed, he had to start out for himself early in life and consequently his educational advantages were somewhat limited. At the age of nineteen years he apprenticed himself to learn the carpenter's trade, and he was employed at this vocation during the following fourteen years, or until the time of his marriage. He had been a hard worker and a wise economizer and at this time found himself in a position to invest in business. He wisely decided on agriculture and bought one hundred and thirty-two acres of land. The land was at that time practically covered with timber and but little improvement of any kind had been made on the place. Mr. Coffman, however, went energetically to work and in a few years he had developed the place into one of the choice farms of the township. The buildings which he erected are all neat, commodious and well arranged and he is well equipped in the way of up-to-date machinery for the successful prosecution of his work. He is considered one of the progressive and practical farmers of the community.

In 1869 Mr. Coffman was united in marriage to Lovenia Pitts, a native of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, where her parents died. To the subject

and his wife the following children have been born: Charles W., who remains with his parents; Nettie was the wife of James A. Moore, deceased; Jennetta, who is the wife of a Mr. Frane, of Wooster township; George, of Franklin township; Emma, who is the wife of Sherman Ware, of Crestline, Ohio; John H., who remains on the home farm.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Coffman are faithful and consistent members of the Lutheran church, to which they give liberally of their means. In matters political Mr. Coffman has always given his support to the Democratic ticket and has rendered his party effective service in campaign times, but he has never sought office or public preferment for himself. Throughout his entire business career Mr. Coffman has been industrious, energetic and successful, and he has won for himself an honorable name in agricultural circles, while at all times he has received the unbounded confidence of his fellow men.

HOWARD CROSBY.

One great exemplification of the fact that wealth attends upon industry and that comfort is a close follower in the wake of thrift is shown in the life career of the subject of this sketch. Howard Crosby, who is the owner of a fine and fertile farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in section 10, Saltcreek township, Wayne county, Ohio, was born on the place where he now lives and on which he has passed practically his entire life. His paternal grandfather, James Crosby, was a native of Pennsylvania and in that state was employed as a teamster between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. He came to Ohio in a very early day and entered the farm where the subject now lives and here he followed the pursuit of agriculture all his remaining days, clearing the land and making many improvements on the same. His son, John Crosby, the subject's father, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1820, and came to Wayne county, Ohio, with his parents in 1840. He was reared to the life of a farmer and followed that calling all his active years, his death occurring in 1907. He was a great worker and was considered a very successful man in his day. He was not much of a mixer in public affairs, but gave to his township efficient service as trustee. During the Civil war he entered the military service and was sent to Washington, but saw but little service. In politics he was first a Republican, but later gave his support to the Prohibition party. He was for many years a member of the Presbyterian church at Fredericksburg and served as elder for the long period of



Howard Crosby

forty-six years, being one of the most active members of that society. He married Caroline Hamaker, who was born at Fredericksburg, her mother being a native of Canada, while her father was born in Germany. The latter was a successful and well-known miller at Fredericksburg and was injured in the mill so seriously that his death ensued before he could be moved to his home. John and Caroline Crosby became the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch and a brother, Lincoln Chase, who died at the age of two years. Mrs. Crosby died December 10, 1899. These parents were well known throughout the community and enjoyed the unbounded confidence and esteem of all who knew them.

Howard Crosby first saw the light of day on the 24th of September, 1857, and was reared under the parental roof. He secured a good education, attending the township schools during his early years, afterwards spending two years in the schools of Fredericksburg, finishing with two years in Wooster University. He has all his life been a close reader of the best literature and is considered a well informed man. He assisted his father in the operation of the farm and on the retirement of the latter he assumed its management and is now the owner and giving to it his entire attention. He is enterprising and methodical in his work and maintains the place at a high standard of excellence. The place comprises one hundred and seventy-five acres, about thirty of which is timber land, the balance being devoted to cultivation. Mr. Crosby carries on general farming, raising all the crops common to this section, and formerly operated a dairy business, keeping a herd of pure-bred Jersey cattle, but, because of ill health, he relinquished this line of business some time ago. Mr. Crosby is a mechanic of much natural ability and has a workshop on his farm fitted up with machinery of different kinds, which he puts to good use in the making of furniture and other household conveniences. The machinery is run by a gasoline engine and in this shop Mr. Crosby derives much pleasure. He has within the past few years built a splendid modern residence on his farm, furnished with many up-to-date conveniences, including a complete acetylene lighting plant. It is one of the fine homes of the community and is the center of a large social circle who here enjoy the refined hospitality which is ever there in evidence.

On the 17th of June, 1879, Mr. Crosby was united in marriage to Mary Isabell McBride, a daughter of John and Susana (Nelson) McBride, both of whom were natives of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Crosby was born in Lowellville, Ohio, April 12, 1857, and at the age of two years accompanied the family on their removal back to Pennsylvania. When she was

eighteen years old she located in Crestline, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby are members of the Presbyterian church, at Apple Creek, to which they give an earnest and liberal support. Because of their sterling qualities of character they are held in high esteem throughout the community.

AMOS BRINKERHOFF.

As a native son of Wayne county and a representative of one of her prominent families, Mr. Brinkerhoff is eminently entitled to representation in a compilation which has to do with those who have been instrumental in the upbuilding of this section of the commonwealth, while such is his personal honor and integrity of character and such his standing as one of the successful and progressive farmers of the county that this consideration is all the more compatible.

Amos Brinkerhoff was born in Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 11th of February, 1846, and is the son of James and Elizabeth (Ewing) Brinkerhoff, the former a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, born October 11, 1817, and the latter born March 30, 1825, in Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio. The subject's paternal grandfather, Daniel Brinkerhoff, was born March 14, 1780, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and he married Rebecca Frazier, who was born June 15, 1783. They were married in 1809, and his death occurred in 1848; she died in 1881. Daniel Brinkerhoff came to Wayne county, Ohio, settling first in Wayne township, but a short time afterwards he bought the place of one hundred and sixty acres in Congress township on which the subject of this sketch now lives. The place was densely covered with the primeval forest growth and Mr. Brinkerhoff entered at once onto the task of clearing this and putting it under cultivation. A log cabin was erected where the present residence stands and a happy and comfortable home was established. Here the subject's father, James Brinkerhoff, labored in the laborious work of the first few years and he spent the remainder of his life here. James and Elizabeth Brinkerhoff became the parents of the following children: Amos, born February 11, 1846; Rebecca, born January 14, 1848, the wife of Jonathan Fetzer, of Chester township; Elizabeth Jane, born March 30, 1850, died December 15, 1854; William, born September 7, 1854, living in Canaan township; Martha, born January 3, 1856, married John Winters, of Wooster; Ira, born June 29, 1858, lives on the home place; Anna, born May 22, 1860, died

March 9, 1892, was the wife of William Barnard, of Congress township; James, born July 30, 1864, lives in Canaan township; Minnie Ellen, born August 7, 1867, died in infancy. James Brinkerhoff, Sr., was a stanch Democrat in politics and in religion he gave his support to the Presbyterian church. The subject's maternal grandfather, William Ewing, was one of the very earliest residents of Canaan township and his brother Simon was the first white male child born in the township, 1817.

Amos Brinkerhoff was born in Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 11th of February, 1846, and was reared under the parental roof. Being the eldest son, he was compelled to early take a hand in the cultivation of the farm and consequently had but little opportunity for securing an education. He remained with his father until he was twenty-one years old, when he married and moved onto one of his father's farms in Chester township, where he remained for two years. At the end of that time he moved onto another of his father's farms in Canaan township, where he remained for a time. His father then gave him a small piece of land in Canaan township, on which he located and in the operation of this place he was eminently successful, so that eventually he was enabled from time to time to buy adjoining land until today he is the owner of sixty-three acres. He has been careful and painstaking in the handling of this land, paying proper attention to the rotation of crops and other features of successful agriculture, and he has made a number of permanent and substantial improvements on the same, maintaining the property at a high state of excellence. He is progressive in his methods and is known as one of the enterprising farmers of the township.

Mr. Brinkerhoff was married to Mary Crater, a native of Stark county, Ohio, and a daughter of Peter and Sarah (Weaver) Crater, the former born in Germany in 1819 and the latter born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1826. To the subject and his wife the following children have been born: Daniel, born January 1, 1861; Clara, born August 13, 1870, is the wife of Frank Sells; Anna, born February 17, 1872, is the wife of George Garver; Mary, born April 14, 1874, is the wife of Frank P. Barnes; Thomas, born October 27, 1876, is a successful farmer in Canaan township; Rose, born December 31, 1878, is the wife of Jacob Clark, of Ashland; Jesse, born October 27, 1880; Wettie, born March 11, 1884; Clarence, born February 4, 1887; Glenn, born March 10, 1891.

In politics Mr. Brinkerhoff is inclined to be independent, believing that the personal fitness of the candidates should be the question of paramount importance, especially in local elections. During a long and industrious career

Mr. Brinkerhoff has not only gained a strong position by the ability with which he has managed his business, but as a man of force of character, upright and honest in his dealings with his fellow citizens, and as a kind husband and devoted and careful father, he has gained the esteem of all who know him.

LEVI BUCHER.

Most consistently may we enter memoir in this work to one who stood as one of the honored citizens and successful agriculturists of Wayne county during the years of an active and useful life, winning the regard of men by his sterling attributes of character and attaining success through the medium of his own ability and efforts. Mr. Bucher passed to his reward on the 2d of May, 1906, and in his death Saltcreek township was deprived of one of its most worthy and honored citizens and one whose life was such as to offer both lesson and incentive to all who came in touch therewith. He was entitled to additional regard from the fact that in the dark and troublous days of national peril in the early sixties, he gave distinctive evidence of his patriotism by enlisting in the defense of Old Glory, and such was the service he rendered that he ever afterwards was a sufferer from wounds received in battle. He was one of that host of brave sons of the North who offered their lives if need be to preserve the integrity of the Union and to them the country is under a debt of gratitude which it can never repay. In centuries yet to be posterity will commemorate their bravery in fitting eulogy and tell of their courage in story and song.

Levi Bucher was born in Portage county, Ohio, on the 11th of May, 1846. Because of the extreme reticence which he always observed as to himself, nothing is known of his early life, to the age of seventeen years, at which age he enlisted for service in the Civil war. He was reared by a man named Enoch Welford, who lived near Dalton, Wayne county, Ohio, and must have attended school during his youth, as he was a man of considerable culture and mental attainments, being always a close reader and a very intelligent and interesting conversationalist when he chose to talk. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three years or as long as the war should last, but he received an honorable discharge in 1864, it is supposed because of disability from wounds. He was several times wounded and from the effects of one of his injuries, a gunshot wound, he suffered all the rest of his days until his sudden death in 1906.



LEVI BUCHER

He was a brave and fearless soldier and enjoyed the confidence and regard of his commanding officers.

After returning from the army, Mr. Bucher took up the vocation of farmer, in which line he had been reared, and he carried this on with considerable success until failing health compelled him to desist from active labor, and for some time before his death he was unable to do anything except the lightest work. The farm, which is eligibly located in section 16, Saltcreek township, is a fine and fertile tract of land and has always been maintained at the highest standard of excellence. The house and other farm buildings are well built and convenient in arrangement and attractive in appearance, and reflect the good taste and sound judgment of him who built them.

Mr. Bucher was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church, to which Mrs. Bucher also belongs, their membership being with the church at Fredericksburg, to which Mrs. Bucher has belonged for thirty-seven years. Socially, Mr. Bucher was a member of the Fredericksburg Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

On August 1, 1873, in Holmesville, Holmes county, Ohio, Mr. Bucher wedded Samantha Horner, who was born June 11, 1852, in Saltcreek township, Holmes county, Ohio, the daughter of Charles C. and Margaret (Tuttle) Horner. Charles Horner was also born in Saltcreek township, Holmes county, and his wife was born in Newville, Ohio. They were numbered among the early settlers of this part of the state and were well-known and prominent people, owning large farming interests. To Levi and Samantha Bucher were born the following children, eight in number: Mary and Nanny, twins, born April 3, 1874, both died in infancy; John, born March 28, 1876, married Flora B. Phillips, who was born in Saltcreek township, Wayne county, a daughter of Jonathan Phillips, an early and prominent settler; they had one child which died in infancy; John is a farmer by vocation and now operates the home farm for his mother, with whom he and his wife now live; one died in infancy September 27, 1879; Harry, born July 3, 1882, is unmarried and makes his home with his mother; Lee, born May 13, 1885, single and at home; Robert, born October 3, 1887, died at the age of fifteen months; Sarah, born September 14, 1891, died in infancy.

Mr. Bucher gave his support to the Republican party, though he was never an aspirant for public office of any nature. His sons, likewise, with the exception of Lee, give their support to the same party. In every relation of life he was true to his trusts and his memory is held sacred by those who knew him.

Mrs. Bucher, who still maintains her home on the farm, is a woman of rare personal qualities and was to her late husband a helpmeet in the truest sense of the word. She is widely known in this section and enjoys the warm regard and esteem of all who know her.

JOHN WILLIAM TAGGERT.

One of the most valuable and most highly improved farms in Wayne county is that owned by the gentleman whose name initiates this article and who is recognized as one of the representative citizens of the county, where he has passed practically his entire life, the family having been one of prominence in the community from the early pioneer epoch to the present time. He has been a man of public spirit and progressiveness and has always been found on the right side of every moral issue, his influence being felt as a definite factor in the community when movements for the public good are involved.

John W. Taggert, who owned and operated a fine farm in Franklin township, until 1910, when he sold, had lived on this place from the time he first saw the light of day, June 23, 1841. He is a son of William and Lydia (McAllister) Taggert, the former of whom was born in Ireland. He was reared and educated in his native land and at the age of twenty-one years came to the United States, and was thereafter employed for a number of years in the United States mint at Philadelphia. He was a member of a noted military organization known as the Independent Blues at the time the Marquis de Lafayette paid his celebrated visit to this country. He and his brother Robert came to Ohio and here they started the first brewery, but were not long engaged in that business. He then moved onto the farm which he had purchased prior to his business venture. He was also interested in a dry goods store with his brother, but his efforts were mainly confined to his agricultural operations, in which he was successful. He married Lydia McAllister, who was a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Hugh McAllister, whose death occurred in that, his native state. William and Lydia Taggert were the parents of three children, John W., the subject of this sketch, Mary, the wife of James T. Stitt, and Martha, who makes her home with her sister. William and Lydia Taggert died and were buried at Wooster. They were a worthy and highly respected couple and stood high in the community, being favorably remembered at this time by many who knew them.

The subject of this sketch was reared under the parental roof and remained with his parents until his father's death, at which time he was twelve years old. He bought a portion of the home place and was engaged in the operation of the same until he sold in 1910, when he moved to Wooster. He has made improvements on the place and constantly maintained it at the highest standard of excellence. It is a fertile and productive farm and under the intelligent direction of the subject it has been made to yield gratifying returns for the labor bestowed. Mr. Taggart is an up-to-date and progressive agriculturist, keeping closely in touch with advanced ideas and methods and he enjoys a splendid reputation among his fellow tillers of the soil.

In 1864 Mr. Taggart was united in marriage to Nancy A. Hughes, whose death occurred in 1907. This union resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Cary, of near Greeley, Colorado; Bert, who is employed in the refining department of the United States mint at Denver, Colorado, and Harry, an undertaker at Grand Junction, Colorado.

On February 28, 1910, Mr. Taggart married Mary Boyd. The family reside in a pleasant home at No. 3 East Henry street, Wooster.

During the Civil war Mr. Taggart gave unmistakable evidence of his love of country by enlisting in the one-hundred-day service, joining Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Because of this service he became a member of Given Post, Grand Army of the Republic, but he has received a discharge from that order and is no longer affiliated. In politics he has ever been a stanch Republican, in the success of which he has taken a live interest, but he has never held office of any nature. The subject has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful and progressive agriculturist, always known for his prompt and honorable methods of dealing, and thus he has the unbounded confidence of his fellow men.

WILLIAM HENRY WILER.

W. H. Wiler, a well known citizen of Plain township, Wayne county, was born in Wooster township, Wayne county, in 1855, the son of Philip and Elizabeth (Weirick) Wiler, both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The subject's paternal grandparents spent their lives in Pennsylvania, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weirick, were also natives of the Keystone state, who came to Wayne county in an early day. In the early forties Philip Weiler came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled in Wooster

township. He became prosperous here, at one time owning three hundred acres of good land, which he cleared and improved; however, he retired several years prior to his death and lived in Wooster where he had the esteem of all who knew him. He was a strict Lutheran.

John Wiler, brother of W. H. Wiler, was a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company C, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

W. H. Wiler was educated in the common schools and the high school at Wooster, receiving a good text-book training. He decided when a boy to become a merchant and accordingly launched in the shoe business before he was twenty-one years of age and has since been engaged in that line at Wooster. He has an excellent trade with the surrounding community, always keeping an up-to-date and carefully selected stock, and many of his customers are of long standing.

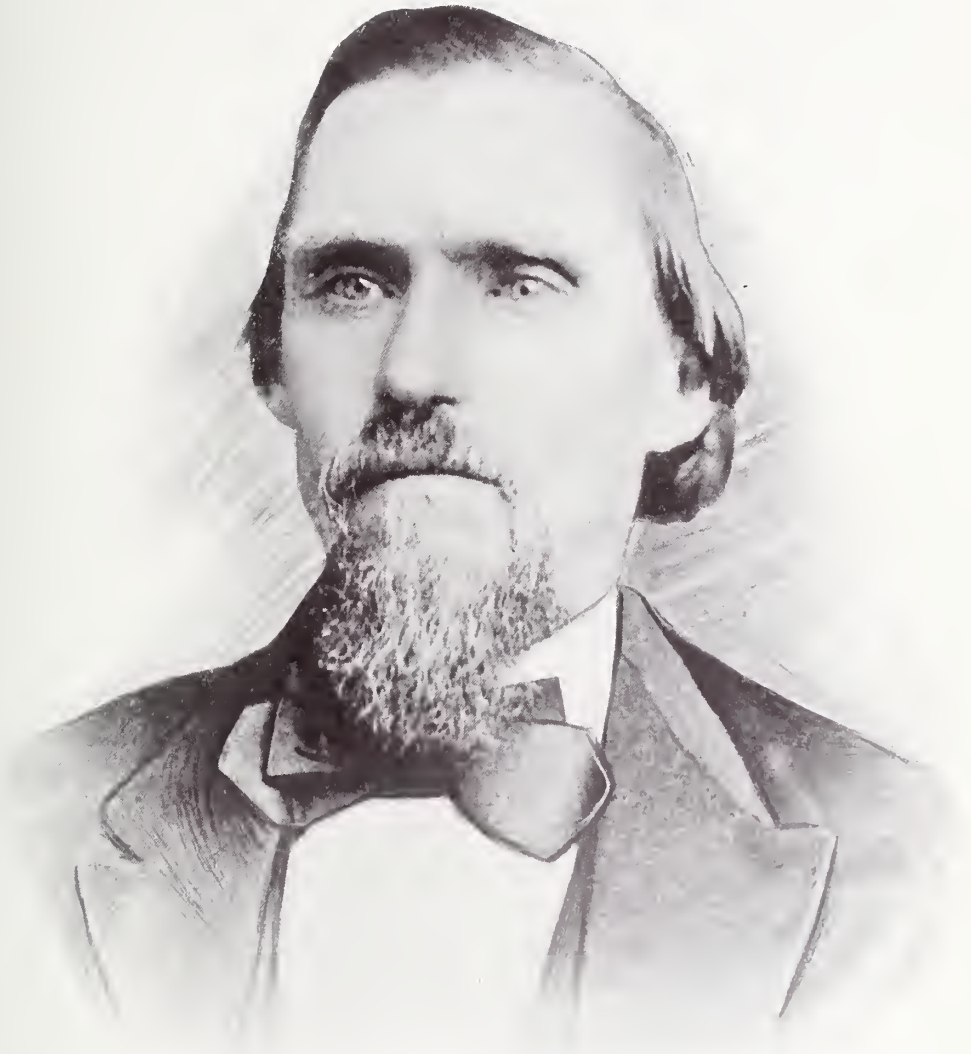
Mr. Wiler was married in 1876 to Mary A. Lucas, daughter of an old and highly respected family, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Roy died when six months old; Zella married Lemuel Harrold; Wiler and Paul; Charles Wiler married Polly Herman.

Mr. Wiler is a stanch Lutheran, having been a member of this denomination since he was eighteen years of age. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also the Royal Arcanum. While he devotes his attention exclusively to his individual business affairs, he is interested in whatever tends to promote the welfare of his county.

MICHAEL TATE.

For many years Michael Tate has occupied a very conspicuous place among the agriculturists of Wayne county. His career has been that of an honorable, enterprising and progressive business man, whose well-rounded character has also enabled him to take an active interest in education and social and moral affairs, and to keep well informed concerning the momentous questions affecting the nation. In all life's relations he has commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he has come in contact, and his upright life is an inspiration to the many friends who know him well and are familiar with his virtues.

Michael Tate, an honored resident of Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Franklin township December 26, 1837, and is a son of William and Mary (May) Tate. William Tate



Michael Tate.

was born February 25, 1817, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and his death occurred May 10, 1889. In 1828 he accompanied his parents on their overland trip to Ohio and thereafter made his home in Franklin township, Wayne county, until his death. He followed the vocation of farming, in which he was fairly successful, and occupied a high position among his fellow citizens. He cleared much land of the timber which originally covered it and was active and progressive in his work and ideas. He was an active member of the Church of God, in which he held the office of exhorter. During his first years in this county he followed undertaking to some extent and directed the funerals of many of the early pioneers. In his younger days he was a supporter of the Democratic party, but later he became a Republican and was ever after loyal to that party. William Tate was twice married, first, in April, 1836, to Mary May, the daughter of Jacob and Christina May, and to them were born the following children: Michael, the immediate subject of this sketch; Jacob, Isaac, Mary, Carrie Elizabeth and Cyrus Franks. Mrs. Tate died May 6, 1852, and on the 6th of March, 1853, Mr. Tate married Rebecca Margaret Lemmon, who was born July 9, 1831, and died November 9, 1889, leaving one child. Jacob and Christina May were natives of Pennsylvania and came to Wayne county in 1828, being prominent among the early settlers.

The subject's paternal grandparents were Isaac and Catherine Gray Tate, the former of whom was born January 24, 1794, and died January 16, 1863, and the latter born in August, 1788, and died January 2, 1855. They were married March 28, 1815, and became the parents of the following children: William, referred to in the preceding paragraph; Mary, born April 30, 1819, became the wife of Michael Miller March 15, 1838, and her death occurred on August 18, 1879; Susannah, born December 5, 1823, died December 23, 1824; Isaac, born December 12, 1825, is referred to elsewhere in this work; Phoebe, born December 21, 1827, died July 17, 1831; Solomon, born June 9, 1830, married Elizabeth Gabriel, February 24, 1853, and his death occurred September 15, 1899. Isaac Tate, the father of these children, was a native of Pennsylvania, from whence he came overland to Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, in 1828. Here he cleared up a small tract of land and spent the balance of his life here. He was a man of good habits and sterling integrity and commanded at all times the unbounded confidence of all who knew him.

Michael Tate, the immediate subject of this sketch, has lived in Franklin township all his life with the exception of twelve years spent in Paulding county, this state, and four years in Nebraska. He was reared to the life of a farmer and received a fair education in the district schools of the day, which

were somewhat lacking in the facilities which characterize the twentieth-century schoolroom. He gave unmistakable evidence of his patriotism during the dark days of the early sixties, enlisting in 1863 in Company C, Sixty-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. A short time after his enlistment he was taken sick and sent to the hospital, and after his recovery he was retained there in the capacity of nurse. He received an honorable discharge from the service at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1865. Because of his service, he is now a member of Given Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Wooster, in which he finds appreciated association with his old comrades in arms. In politics he is a Republican and gives his efforts to the success of the party during the campaigns. He is not, however, a seeker after public office of any nature, being now too far advanced in years to permit of aspirations along that line.

Mr. Tate still owns his fine farm in Franklin township, with which he has been identified for so many years, and he has always given his personal attention to the cultivation of the farm, in which he has been rewarded with handsome returns. He is a man of splendid personal qualities, which have commended him to the favorable opinion of all who know him and he is generally regarded as one of the strong, stalwart men of the community.

GEORGE CRATER.

There is no one nation that has contributed to the complex composition of our American social fabric an element of more sterling worth or of greater value in fostering and supporting our national institutions than has Germany. The Fatherland has given us men of sturdy integrity, indomitable perseverance, high intelligence and much business sagacity,—the result being the incorporation of a firm and strength-giving fibre, ramifying through warp and woof. A man who may well look with pride upon his German-American ancestry is the subject of this review, who is a native of Wayne county, where he has passed practically his entire life, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, possessing the dominating characteristics mentioned above and attaining a success worthy the name, with the accompanying and resulting confidence and regard of his fellow men.

George Crater was born in Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 12th of October, 1858, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Weaver) Crater. The father was born near Hamburg, Germany, in 1819, and the



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE D. CRATER

mother is a native of Stark county, Ohio. She was, however, of German parentage, her father, George Weaver, having been a native of Germany, whence he came to the United States in 1829, settling in Stark county, Ohio. He died near Paris, this state. The subject's paternal grandfather Crater was born in Germany and attained distinction in the military service of his country, rising to the rank of general in one of her wars with France. In 1829 he emigrated to America. He was a neighbor and friend of the subject's maternal grandfather, George Weaver, and they came over the ocean on the same boat, a slow-going sailing craft, which required forty days to make the passage. One of his children, Peter Crater, father of the subject of this sketch, who came to America with his father, was ten years old when the family settled in Stark county, and there he was reared and received a good education in the schools of that day. After the death of his father, he assumed the control and management of the home place, which he continued until 1865, when he moved with his growing family to Golden Corners, Wayne county, where he lived until his death, which occurred on January 20, 1881. He was a stanch Democrat in political faith and was a hardy and enterprising pioneer. His wife, Sarah, who was a most estimable woman, was reared in the German Lutheran church and, because of her many estimable qualities, she was beloved by all who knew her. Her death occurred in 1908. To Peter and Sarah Crater the following children were born: John, of Denver, Colorado; William; Charles; Mary is the wife of Amos Brinkerhoff, a farmer in Canaan township; Lavine, the wife of John Matthews; Sarah, the wife of Williard Keefer; Eliza, the wife of John Shepard, a farmer in Congress township; Emelia; Dora, the wife of Frank Criss; Della, the wife of Burt Bebbington, of Wooster, Ohio, and George, the subject of this sketch.

George Crater attended the district school at Golden Corners, Wayne county, Ohio, and received a fair education. He remained at home assisting his father in the operation of the farm until the latter's death, at which time the farm was sold and the subject moved to near Canton, Ohio, where he remained four years. He then returned to Wayne county and bought a farm of one hundred acres, which he operated four years, after which he cultivated rented land for ten years, during the last seven years of which time he lived on the George Clark place. In March, 1909, Mr. Crater bought the Eli Palmer farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Canaan township, and he is now engaged in farming here. It is a splendid piece of farming land and is highly productive, all the crops common to this section of the country being raised thereon. Mr. Crater gives special attention to the raising of hay, in

which he has been very successful. He is progressive in his methods and energetic in his labor, showing himself to be a man of sound judgment and wise discrimination in all his efforts.

On the 21st of January, 1892, Mr. Crater was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Hattie Overs, who was born in Medina county, Ohio, September 11, 1863, the daughter of John and Catherine (Swaigood) Overs. John Overs was a native of Pennsylvania, but was brought to Ohio when he was eight years of age. His wife was born near Red Haw, Ohio. To John and Catherine Overs the following children were born: Hattie, wife of the subject; Andrew, a merchant at Burbank, this county; William, in Cleveland; Sarah, who lives in Canton, Ohio, is the wife of John Oldfield; Philene is the wife of Chancey H. Frary, of Burbank; Delency is the wife of Charles Wheeler, who is conductor on the Northern Pacific railroad in North Dakota. The subject and his wife are the parents of the following children: Helen, born July 2, 1894; Howard, born July 10, 1895; Mabel, born January 26, 1897; Stella, born September 19, 1902; John, born December 13, 1904.

In politics Mr. Crater is a Democrat and takes a keen interest in the success of his party. He is public spirited in his attitude toward all movements looking to the advancement of the best interests of the community and because of his splendid qualities of character he enjoys the unbounded confidence and regard of the entire community.

JOHN MARTIN.

Among the leading citizens and representative farmers of Wooster township, Wayne county, Ohio, is he whose name forms the caption to this brief article, and this work would be incomplete were there failure to make specific notice of him. The people of the United States give special reverence to those brave men who, laying aside all personal interests and love for home and family, went forth to battle for the perpetuation of the national integrity, knowing full well that the cost of their sacrifice might be life itself. The subject gave a valiant and faithful support to "Old Glory" on many southern battlefields and carries scars received from southern bullets, a badge of honor to be held in higher esteem than the royal badges bestowed by old world monarchs.

John Martin is a native son of the old Buckeye state, having been born in Franklin township, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on May 2, 1844, and is the son of Andrew and Catherine (Wickey) Martin, both of whom are now de-

ceased. The subject remained at home with his parents during his youth and secured a fair education in the common schools of the neighborhood. In 1860 he came to Wooster township, Wayne county, and entered the employ of John Walters, with whom he remained until October 9, 1861, when he responded to his country's call and enlisted as a private in Company I, Sixty-fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of corporal and gave faithful service until being mustered out on December 10, 1864, at Marshall, Tennessee. During his service he was in the commands of Generals Buell, Rosecrans and Sherman, and took part in all the battles incident to the campaign leading up to the capture of Atlanta, Georgia. At Chickamauga, Mr. Martin had one finger of his left hand shot off, the bullet being deflected from his body by striking the barrel of his gun.

Upon the conclusion of his army service Mr. Martin returned to Wooster, where he worked for two years. In 1866 he was married and moved onto his father-in-law's farm, which he managed until the latter's death, when he purchased the farm and has since continued to operate the place. It is now a well-improved farm in every respect and under Mr. Martin's able management it has been maintained as one of the most fertile and productive farms in Wooster township. The subject is a man of indefatigable energy and enterprise and is progressive in his methods. He carries on a general system of agriculture and also devotes considerable attention to the raising of live-stock and in both lines he is meeting with a gratifying degree of success.

On the 20th of September, 1866, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Balinda A. Eckert, a native of Wooster, Ohio, and a daughter of George and Mary (Burnett) Eckert, both of whom are now deceased. To the subject and wife the following children have been born: Peter W., who resides three miles northwest of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Lillie Allie is the wife of Isaac N. Hough, auditor of Wayne county, and they reside at Wooster; Emma Bell is the wife of Dellsworth Wrenn, of Mason, Ohio; John Q., who resides at Cleveland, Ohio, married Grace Beebe; Walter E., who is a farmer near West Salem, Ohio, married Flora Shank; Samuel C., a street car conductor at Mansfield, Ohio, married Emma Atkins; James Roy, of near Wooster, Ohio, married Altie Kimber; Charles H., of near Canal Fulton, Ohio, married Isa Franks; Mary Maude is deceased; Ethel is a student at the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Politically, Mr. Martin is a Democrat and has taken an active part in the councils of his party, having served as a member of the county central committee and the state committee. He has been a number of times honored

by official positions, having served as a member of the township board for twenty-six years; township assessor, six years; infirmity director for six years, and in 1907 he was elected trustee of Wooster township, in which position he is still serving. His religious membership is with the Lutheran church at Wooster, to which he gives a generous support. Fraternally, he is a member of Given Post, No. 133, Grand Army of the Republic, at Wooster, of which he has served as junior vice-commander. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Martin has been a very busy man and successful withal. He has at all times evinced a commendable interest in public affairs and has always stood for the highest and best interests of the community. His genial disposition and kindly attitude towards all having dealings with him have won for him a host of warm personal friends and he is eminently deserving of being numbered among the representative men of his county.

JESSE R. SHILLING.

This is an age in which the farmer stands pre-eminently above any other class as a producer of wealth. He simply takes advantage of the winds, the warm air, the bright sunshine and the refreshing rains, and applying his own hands and skill to nature's gifts he creates grain, hay, livestock, etc., all of which are absolute necessities to the inhabitants of the world. The commercial world has come to recognize his importance and has surrounded him with many conveniences not thought of one hundred years ago. The inventor has given him the self-binder, the riding plow, the steam thresher, and many other labor-saving devices. And the farmer has not been slow to take advantage of the improvements thus invented and offered. Among the up-to-date farmers of this county is the subject of this brief sketch, who was born in Canaan township, Wayne county, Ohio, on June 25, 1876. He is descended from sturdy Pennsylvania stock, his paternal grandfather, John Shilling, having migrated from that state to Ohio at an early date and taken up a tract of government land. He was a prominent member of the United Brethren church and died at the age of eighty-five years. His son, Adam Shilling, the subject's father, was born October 25, 1839, in Canaan township, and was reared on the home farm, where he spent practically his entire life. He himself acquired the ownership of one hundred and eighty-four acres of land in this county and was accounted one of the county's representa-

tive citizens. He was an ardent Republican. His death occurred in 1899. He married Maria Richie, who was born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1843, her death occurring in 1897. Jesse R., the subject of this sketch, was the only child.

Jesse R. Shilling secured a fair education in the district schools and was reared to the life of a farmer, which honorable calling he has followed all his life. He remained as his father's assistant until the latter's death, when, as the only child, he assumed possession and control of the property. Mr. Shilling is an energetic worker, being noted for the great amount of which he can accomplish in a given time, and he devotes his energies wholly to the operation of the farm. He is up-to-date in farming methods and is maintaining the farm at the very highest standard of excellence. He carries on general farming, raising all the crops common to the section, and he has been rewarded with bountiful crops in return from the labor he has bestowed.

On January 7, 1903, Mr. Shilling wedded Minnie Swartz, who was born at Red Haw, Ohio, the daughter of Esly Swartz, a successful farmer of Medina county. To Mr. and Mrs. Shilling have been born four children, namely: Clyde, born in 1904; Ralph, born in 1905; John, born in 1907, and Gertrude, born in 1909. Mr. Shilling is a Republican in politics and takes a keen interest in the success of that party, though he is not in any sense an aspirant for public office. Not only as a farmer and business man is he considered representative, but in all that constitutes nobility of character and good citizenship he has long occupied a conspicuous place in the community.

ADAM B. BOWER.

One of the representative agriculturists of Plain township, Wayne county, is Adam B. Bower, a man who has shown by his life of consecutive endeavor, which has resulted in the attainment of desirable property and the winning of a reputation for integrity and fidelity to duty, that he has inherited many praiseworthy qualities from his ancestors, who, as records show, were people of the highest type of citizenship, the class that any community might well boast of. Mr. Bower was born on a farm east of Reedsburg, Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio, January 11, 1863. He is the son of John and Elizabeth (Funk) Bower, both born in Plain township, this county. His paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bower, were natives of Pennsylvania, who in an early day came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled on what is now the Houck

farm, one mile east of Reedsburg. There were no roads there when he came and the country was undeveloped generally, but Jacob Bower was a hardy pioneer and he soon cleared the place he selected and followed farming. The maternal grandparents of the subject, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Funk, came to this county from Pennsylvania in an early day and settled on what is now the Palmer farm in Plain township.

John Bower, father of Adam B. Bower, was reared in Plain township and he has always followed farming, being very successful in this line of endeavor, having accumulated two hundred and five acres of land. He was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed church. He and his wife were the parents of seven sons and one daughter.

Adam B. Bower was educated at Reedsburg, receiving a very good education. Early in life he began farming and he has always followed this occupation, now being the owner of a very well managed and highly productive farm of one hundred and five acres in Plain township. He is a general farmer and stock raiser. He has a nice home and good outbuildings.

Mr. Bower was married on November 2, 1892, to Elsie M. Martin, a sister of Samuel Curtis Martin, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Bower the following children have been born: Florence, Floyd, Cloise and Jason.

Mr. Bower is a member of the Reformed church, and politically he is a Democrat; while he does not find time to take any special interest in politics, he is always ready to do what he can in furthering the interests of his community politically or otherwise.

WILLIAM TATE.

In the best development of Wayne county William Tate bore an important part. He was identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state from pioneer days, and while promoting the material welfare of the community also gave an active and liberal support to those measures which tended to advance its intellectual and moral status. His life was filled with good deeds and kindly thoughts, and all who knew him entertained for him the kindest regard, by reason of his upright, honorable life. Over the record of his career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, and his example is well worthy of emulation. In his death, which occurred on the 10th of May, 1889, the community suffered a distinct loss.

William Tate was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of



MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. TATE

February, 1817, and was a son of Isaac and Catherine (Gray) Tate, the former of whom was born on the 24th of January, 1794, and died January 16, 1863, and the latter born in August, 1788, and died January 2, 1855. To their marriage, which was celebrated on March 28, 1815, the following children were born: William, the subject of this sketch; Mary, born April 30, 1819, and who became the wife of Michael Miller March 15, 1838, her death occurring on August 18, 1879; Susannah, born December 5, 1823, died December 23, 1824; Isaac, born December 12, 1825, is referred to in following paragraphs; Phebe, born December 21, 1827, died July 17, 1831; Solomon, born June 9, 1830, married Elizabeth Gabriel February 24, 1853, and his death occurred September 15, 1899. Isaac Tate was a native of Pennsylvania, from whence he came overland to Franklin township, Wayne county, Ohio, in 1828. Here he cleared up a farm of moderate size and there successfully carried on agricultural pursuits. He lived there during the remainder of his life and died in the enjoyment of the love and regard of all who knew him.

In 1828 the subject came with his parents from Pennsylvania to their new western home and here he was reared to the life of a tiller of the soil, which vocation he followed during all his active years. He received his education in the district schools of the neighborhood, and on attaining manhood's years he took up the active work of the farm, to the ownership of which he in due time succeeded.

William Tate was twice married, first to Mary May, in April, 1836, she being the daughter of Jacob and Christina May, and to them were born the following children: Michael, who is referred to elsewhere in this work; Jacob, Isaac, Mary, Carrie Elizabeth and Mrs. Cyrus Franks. Mrs. Tate died May 6, 1852, and on the 6th of March, 1853, Mr. Tate married Rebecca Margaret Lemmon, who was born July 9, 1831, and died November 9, 1889, leaving one child. Jacob and Christina May were natives of Pennsylvania and came to Wayne county in 1828, and became prominent among the old settlers of the county. William Tate was a Republican in politics and took an active interest in local public affairs.

Isaac Tate, the fourth in order of birth of the children of Isaac and Catherine (Gray) Tate, was born December 12, 1825, and died on the 8th of April, 1868. On the 23d of December, 1852, he married Margaret Ann Fegtly, who was born February 3, 1834, and died on August 17, 1898. She was the daughter of John Jacob and Hannah (Marks) Fegtly. Her father was of Swiss nativity and his death occurred on November 8, 1828. After the death of Isaac Tate, his widow became the wife of Robert C. Reed, and

her death occurred August 17, 1898. To Isaac and Margaret Tate were born several children, namely: Hannah Catherine, born July 4, 1854; William Marks, March 4, 1856; Jacob N., born March 9, 1858, died August 13, 1861; John W., referred to in another paragraph; Emma Tressa, born April 30, 1863, died May 15, 1864; Jane Ann, April 1, 1865, died November 16, 1866. Isaac, the father of these children, was a staunch Republican in politics and followed the pursuit of agriculture all his active years, his death occurring at the comparatively early age of forty-two years.

Of the children of Isaac and Margaret Tate, referred to in the preceding paragraph, John W., who is a well-known farmer of this township, was born on the paternal homestead November 2, 1860. He has been twice married, first to Helen Sloan, to which union was born one child, William Reed Tate. His second union was with Clara Benepe, to which union was born a son, Jacob Marks. Mrs. Clara Tate is a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Wallace W. and Abigail (Franks) Benepe. Her father was born at Mount Eaton, this county, and after attaining mature years he was for a time engaged in the hotel business at Fredericksburg. John W. Tate is the owner of one hundred and seventy-five acres of splendid land in Franklin township and is a progressive and enterprising farmer, being also a public spirited and influential citizen. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Moorland, of which he has been a member of the official board, serving as steward and trustee, as well as class leader. In 1889 he was made a Master Mason in Ebenezer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Wooster. His political belief is that of the Republican party, with which he has always voted, and he takes an active interest in the public affairs of his community.

William Marks Tate, the son of Isaac and Margaret Tate, was born on the old homestead March 4, 1856, and was there reared. He was educated in the district schools of the neighborhood, and his manual education was along the lines of agriculture, with which he has always been closely identified. He is the owner of one hundred and ten acres of land, which is highly improved and, under the careful management of the owner, has been made highly productive and profitable. He is a staunch Republican in politics, but has never been a seeker after public office, though ever taking a commendable interest in the trend of current public events. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church at Moorland. He is a public-spirited man and his support is ever given to those movements which promise to be a benefit to the community. Because of his many personal qualities of a high order he is held in high regard by all who know him, his friends being in number as his acquaintances.

SIMON D. BURKHOLDER.

One of the leading agriculturists of Greene township, Wayne county, is S. D. Burkholder, who has made his influence felt among his fellow men and earned a name for enterprise, integrity and honor, that entitles him to worthy notice in a work of the nature of this volume. He was born in Greene township, this county, September 26, 1863, the son of Jonathan S. and Elizabeth (Smoker) Burkholder, the former born in this township in 1826, the son of John Burkholder, who was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, formerly a province of France, now of Germany. He came to the United States when a young man, having been fourteen weeks on the voyage, the trip being made in an old-fashioned sailing vessel that was slow and tiresome. He made his way to Wayne county, Ohio, and located in Greene township, marrying here and securing a farm, where he spent most of his later life, and where his son, Jonathan S., lived and where S. D., son of the latter, was also reared. The grandfather, John Burkholder, moved to Smithville late in life and died at that place. Thus we see that this name has been a familiar one in Wayne county since the pioneer days and this family has been a very enterprising and honorable one ever since. Jonathan Burkholder, mentioned above, was reared on the home farm in this township, where he was married and reared his family, which consisted of nine children, namely: Sarah, Anna, Caroline, Menno, all deceased; an infant also died unnamed; Noah S., living in Greene township; S. D., of this review; Amos J., of Greene township; Joseph, deceased.

S. D. Burkholder was reared on the home farm near Smithville and he assisted with the work there, attending the common schools in the meantime, alternating the two until he was eighteen years of age; then he devoted his attention exclusively to farming until he was twenty-two years of age. He was married on January 20, 1887, to Emma Musser, the daughter of a highly respected old family, and this union has resulted in the birth of eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Ada, Nora, Allen, Grace and Roy. The mother of these children passed away in 1902, and afterwards Mr. Burkholder married Salina Byler. She was reared in Noble county, Indiana, her birth having occurred September 6, 1868. Three children were born of this last union, Guy, in 1906, Ray in 1908, and Zora in 1909.

When Mr. Burkholder was first married it became necessary for him to borrow money to buy a team with which to begin farming. He rented the home place for one year, then rented other farms, prospering by reason of his habits of industry and economy, until he was able to purchase a farm of eighty-one and three-fourths acres in the center of Greene township and as

good land as the township afforded. However, he went in debt for all of the place and used what money he had saved to stock the same and began farming in a proper manner. He made a success principally by raising grain, and he has been enabled thereby to pay for the farm, remodel his house and barn and improve the place in many ways. He has a very good dwelling and other buildings and his land is easily worth one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre, the entire farm being worth ten thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. He also has an interest in the gristmill at Smithville and had an interest in a threshing machine for some time. Considering the disadvantages under which he started in life he has succeeded admirably well and has shown himself to be a man of soundness of judgment and rare foresight. In politics he is a Democrat, and he holds membership in the Amish Mennonite church.

MRS. DAVID LAWRENCE.

Wholly devoted to home and domestic duties, doing through all the best years of her life the lowly but sacred work that comes within her sphere, there is not much to record concerning the life of the average woman. And yet what station so dignified, what relation so loving and endearing, what office so holy, tender and ennobling as those of home-making wifehood and motherhood. A celebrated writer and biographer once said that the future destiny of a great nation depended upon its wives and mothers. May this not also be said concerning the future that is bone of her bone, blood of her blood and flesh of her flesh, and which is incalculable in its results and will never be fully known until eternity solves the problem? In the settlement of the great Middle West woman bore her full share of hardship, sufferings and other vicissitudes, helping man in the rugged toil of wood and field, cheering him when cast down and discouraged, sharing his dangers, mitigating his sufferings, in the end quietly and unostentatiously rejoicing in his success, yet ever keeping herself modestly in the background. In a biographical compendium, such as this work is intended to be, woman should have no insignificant representation. As man's equal in every qualification save the physical, and his superior in the gentle, tender and loving amenities of life, she fuller merits a much larger notice than she ordinarily receives, and there should be given her due credit for the important part she acts in life's great drama and be accorded her proper place in history and biography.



SARAH E. LAWRENCE

Sarah Elizabeth Francis, the subject of this sketch, is a native daughter of the old Buckeye state, her birth having taken place in Harrison county, Ohio, on the 5th of May, 1835. She is a daughter of Caleb and Julia Ann (Hooper) Francis, who were both born in Maryland, the father on February 20, 1812, and the mother on January 18, 1817. They were married on July 29, 1834, and soon afterwards came to Harrison county, Ohio. Subsequently they moved to Belmont county, where he died. Later the stepfather came to Coshocton county, where he died on July 28, 1842; the widow moved to Tuscarawas county. She later married again and eventually settled in East Union township, Wayne county, where her death occurred on December 21, 1851, and her remains are buried at Apple Creek, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Francis were born the following children: Sarah Elizabeth, the immediate subject of this sketch; Charles T., who was born August 16, 1836, died February 2, 1852; Ann Eliza, born August 24, 1833, now deceased, became the wife of Jacob Mootersbaugh and they had ten children: Mary E., born March 22, 1840, died August 19, 1843; Caleb B., Jr., born April 9, 1842, died in 1907. Mrs. Lawrence's maternal grandfather, Michael Hooper, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and her step-grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812.

The subject was reared in the parental home and secured her education in the district schools of the locality. At Wooster, Ohio, August 31, 1854, she was united in marriage with Cyrenius Geislman, who was born January 18, 1833, at New Franklin, Columbiana county, Ohio, a son of John and Sarah (Miller) Geislman. Subsequently they moved to Wayne county, locating on land which was located partly in East Union and partly in Franklin townships. Here he received a fair education in the common schools, supplementing this with attendance at an academy at Apple Creek. On reaching **mature years** he engaged in farming and eventually bought the homestead now occupied by the subject of this sketch, where he spent the remaining years of his life. The residence was built in 1837 by Nicholas Smith, and was the first brick house built in this locality. It was large and commodious and for several years the second story was used as a place of worship by the United Brethren congregation. Mr. Geislman was an enterprising and progressive farmer, in which he was fairly successful, and during his later years he also took the agency for farming machinery, in which also he was successful. He took an active part in politics and local affairs and rendered efficient service as a trustee of his township. In religion he was a faithful member of the Lutheran church, to which he gave an earnest and liberal support. His death occurred on October 12, 1884. To Cyrenius and Sarah Geislman were born

the following children: Julia Ann, born July 8, 1855, died March 31, 1883, became the wife of Allen Derr, also now deceased, and they became the parents of two children, Ada Alice, who married a Mr. Williams, and Cyrenius Derr, who married Savilla Swartz, four children being born to them; John Franklin, born November 6, 1857, died September 16, 1893, married Alzoma Franks, who is now living, and they became the parents of six children, two of whom are now dead, those living being Carl Dean, Alta, Lillie and Myron; Caleb Francis, born October 18, 1861, died December 15, 1861; Mary Ettie, born December 14, 1862, died December 26, 1862; Emma Loretta, born August 3, 1864, is the wife of Peter W. Martin, of Hampton township, Summit county, Ohio, and they have had six children, four of whom are living, Ada, Anna B., Wesley and Walter, Lonna Delno (died in infancy), Viola and Myrtle. Cyrenius Geislman was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Fredericksburg, and was a popular man in the circles in which he moved. Mrs. Geislman remained a widow eleven years, and then, on the 3d of September, 1895, she became the wife of David Lawrence, who is now deceased. He was a man of many fine personal qualities of character and was well liked throughout the community by all who knew him.

Mrs. Lawrence still resides on the old homestead in Franklin township, and though she is nearing the golden sunset of her life's journey, she still takes an active interest in the affairs of the community. She possesses considerable business ability and is conducting her landed interests in a practical and businesslike manner. She has through a long course of years enjoyed the warm friendship of a large circle of loyal friends and today her attractive and hospitable home is a favorite meeting place for the companions of her younger days, who delight in her society.

JONATHAN K. HOSTETLER.

One of Greene township's most progressive and influential citizens is Jonathan K. Hostetler, a representative of an old and highly respected family of Wayne county, where he was born September 22, 1860, the son of Jephtha and Salome (King) Hostetler, the former a native of Wayne township, this county, where he was born June 10, 1834, the son of Christian and Elizabeth (Yoder) Hostetler, both natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania. They came to Wayne county, Ohio, in a four-horse wagon about 1831, and settled in Wayne township, where they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, all timbered. Christian cleared this and developed a good farm on which he

spent the balance of his days. He was a member of the Mennonite church, and although he had nothing when he landed in this county, he became prosperous in due course of time, becoming the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land. He was a robust, hard-working man, measuring over six feet in height; he was a very religious man, of sound moral principles. To Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hostetler the following children were born: John, Samuel, Jephtha, Christian, David, Jonathan, Lydia, Barbara and Fanny.

Jephtha Hostetler was reared on the old home place which he assisted in developing from the primitive soil. He received a limited education in the old-fashioned log school house near his boyhood home, but being a good student his education was fairly good for those days. Choosing farming for his life work, he began life for himself early and when he reached manhood he married Salome King, this union resulting in the birth of seven children, namely: Lizzie, who became the wife of N. S. Burkholder, living in Greene township; Jonathan K., of this review; Christian married Mary Bener, and they are living in Alabama; Anna is the wife of John Schmucker, of Greene township; Barbara is the wife of Elam Horst, of Halifax county, Virginia; Jephtha married Fannie Hintsburger, of Orrville, Greene township; Menno died in infancy.

Jonathan K. Hostetler was reared in Wayne township, this county, and when he became of proper age he began working on his father's farm, in the meantime attending the district schools during the winter until he was twenty-one years of age. He was sufficiently educated to begin teaching, but notwithstanding the fact that his career as a teacher was promising, he seemed to prefer the freer life of the husbandman and returned to the farm. When twenty-two years of age he took for his life partner Malinda Schmucker, who was born in Greene township July 31, 1862, the daughter of David and Sarah (Zook) Schmucker. She was reared on the home farm in Greene township where she attended the common schools.

After his marriage Mr. Hostetler remained on his father's farm for about seventeen years and then he purchased forty acres for which he paid cash, having obtained a good start on his father's farm and saved money. In 1905 he sold this place and purchased the one where he now lives in section 32, containing eighty-two acres, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising very successfully. He has a well improved and highly productive farm. Having always been a close observer and painstaking worker he has been very successful, and he so rotates his crops as to get the best possible results.

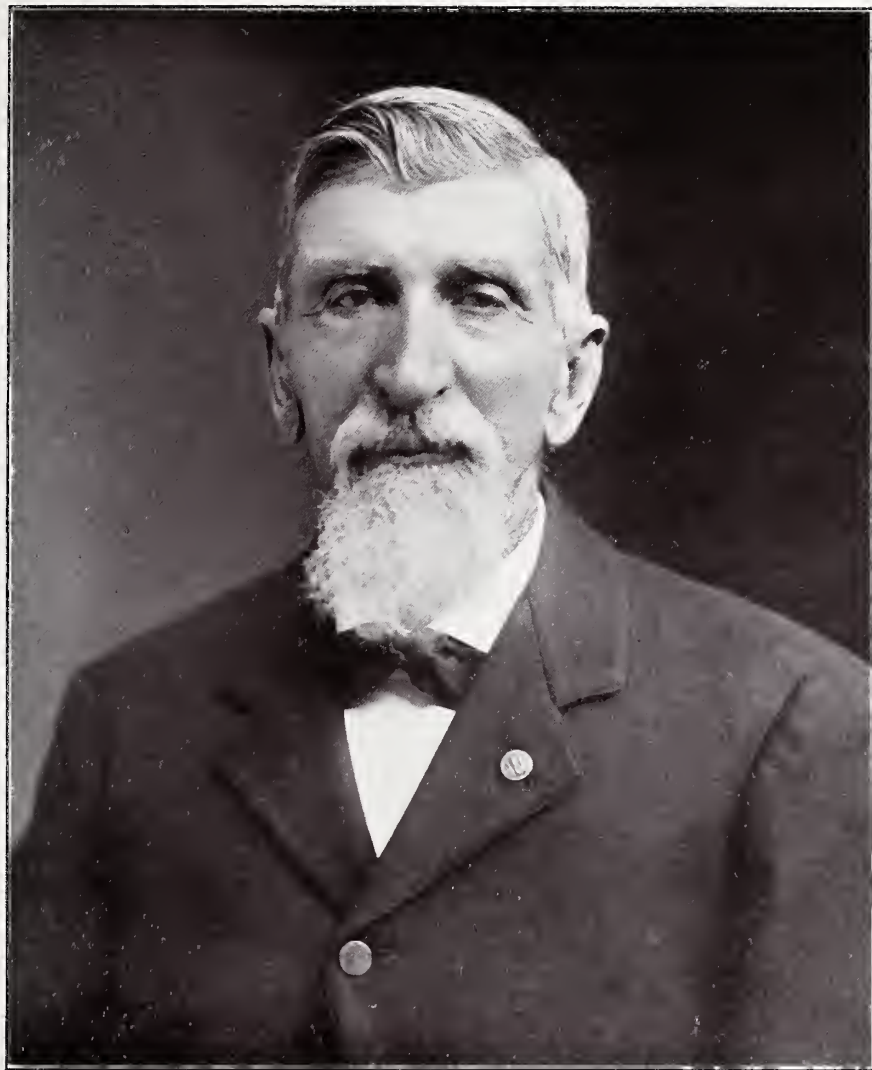
Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hostetler, their names

and births being as follows: Salome, November 22, 1883; David, April 23, 1885; Sarah, May 11, 1887; Chancy, February 23, 1889; Ammon, April 8, 1892; Boyd, June 13, 1894; Paul, September 23, 1898; Christian, November 10, 1900; Harry, January 10, 1903; Edith, July 25, 1896; Esther, July 13, 1907; Isaiah, March 1, 1891. All these children received a good common school education. The members of this large household belong to the Mennonite church. In politics Mr. Hostetler was reared a Republican, but of recent years he has cast his vote with the Prohibition party, being an ardent advocate of temperance. He is regarded by all who know him as an exemplary citizen in every respect, honest in all his business transactions, and as a result of these many praiseworthy qualities he is held in high favor, as is also his family wherever they are known.

JOHN CRAVEN.

It cannot be other than gratifying to note that within the pages of this compilation will be found mention of many prominent and successful citizens of the county who have here passed their entire lives and who stand representative of the sturdy pioneer element which instituted the herculean task of reclaiming this section of the state from the wilderness, carrying the work valiantly forward and leaving it to their sons and daughters to rear the superstructure upon the foundations thus firmly laid. Those who have been the founders and builders of Wayne county are the ones who chiefly find place in this work, and in this number mention should not be omitted of the personal career of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this article, and who is one of the representative citizens of the county in which he has passed practically his entire life.

John Craven, who now owns a fine farm in Wooster township, but who is living practically retired from active life, is a native of Wayne county, Ohio, having been born in Paint township, near Mount Eaton, on the 15th of December, 1840. He is the son of John and Elizabeth (Kizer) Craven, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the father having been born in Washington county. John Craven, Sr., came to Wayne county, Ohio, in young manhood and settled on land in Paint township which at that time was densely covered with timber. He was one of the earliest pioneers and founders of the county and he always occupied a prominent position in the community. He spent the remainder of his life here and his remains are now buried in the Mount Eaton cemetery. He was a strong Democrat in



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his political views and took an active part in local public affairs. His wife died in 1850. To John and Elizabeth Craven were born the following children: Samuel, who enlisted as a private in the Seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, and died from sickness during his service; Julia was the wife of Jackson Reed and died at LaGrange, Indiana; the subject of this sketch was the next in order of birth; Elizabeth is the widow of John Bowers and resides in Wooster; Lucinda became the wife of Mr. Foraker and they are now both deceased.

The subject of this sketch was reared in the parental home, but at the age of fifteen years death deprived him of a mother's care and guidance. He received a fair education in the district school and during the vacation periods he assisted in the labors of the farm. The routine of his life was suddenly interrupted, however, by the outbreak of the great Southern rebellion, and, heeding his country's call for defenders, he enlisted as a private, on September 7, 1861, joining Company F, Nineteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the command rendezvousing at Wilmot, Stark county. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and participated in a number of the fiercest battles of that great struggle, including those at Shiloh, Stone River, Mission Ridge, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, and many other minor engagements in connection with the Atlanta campaign. The regiment then returned to Nashville, Tennessee, under the command of General Thomas, and at Chattanooga, in 1864, Mr. Craven received an honorable discharge. He re-enlisted in the same company, however, before being discharged, and was finally honorably discharged and mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, in 1865. During all the period of his military service Mr. Craven was a valiant and dauntless defender of Old Glory and he enjoyed the esteem and regard of his superior officers.

Upon the conclusion of his military service, the subject returned to Franklin township, where his father had located two miles east of Moorland. During the first year he followed the carpenter's trade, and later he followed threshing for two years. At the end of that period he took up the pursuit of agriculture in Wooster township, and was continuously engaged in that line of effort until his retirement from active labor a few years ago. He was a successful and progressive farmer and during his active years was numbered among the representative men of his calling in the township. His property has always been maintained at the highest standard of excellence and because of his persistent industry and the exercise of sound judgment he was enabled to realize a handsome income in return for his labor.

On the 28th of November, 1867, Mr. Craven was united in marriage

with Elizabeth McIntire, the daughter of Cornelius McIntire, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. To them have been born the following children: Lula Bell is the wife of George Biddle, of East Union township, and they have four children, John, Charles, George and Elizabeth; Lillie is engaged in the millinery business at Orrville, Ohio; Nancy is the wife of William Musselman and they are the parents of three children, Ralph, Odessa and Clarence; John lives at Mount Vernon, Ohio; Cornelius resides at Cleveland, this state; Harry, who lives in East Union township, this county, married Ora Harper; Flora is the wife of William Faud, of Wooster, and they have one child, Ruth; Charles lives at Mount Vernon; Idella May, at home; Blanche, who is the wife of Harry Miller, of Wayne township.

Mr. Craven is a stanch Democrat in his political views and takes a commendable interest in local public affairs, having rendered efficient and appreciated service as a member of the township school board. Fraternally, he is a member of Given Post, No. 133, Grand Army of the Republic, at Wooster, this membership being entirely consistent with the faithful service he rendered his country during her hour of need. He is now the recipient of a liberal pension from the government. In every avenue of life's activities Mr. Craven has performed his full part and he has at all times enjoyed the unbounded confidence of those with whom he has been associated. A man of genial disposition and accommodating manner, all who know him esteem him for his genuine worth.

ULRICH STEINER.

Ulrich Steiner is a worthy representative of one of the old and highly respected families of Wayne county, and since his childhood, which was passed amid the great epoch of development, following the early pioneer days, he has been actively identified with the growth and progress of this locality. He is a native of Milton township, where he was born October 14, 1846, the son of Christian and Marie (Steiner) Steiner, who were about third cousins. Christian Steiner was born in Alsace-Lorraine (formerly a province of France, but now belonging to Germany), his birth occurring in 1814. He came to the United States when eighteen years of age and settled in Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio. He was single when he arrived here and he had accumulated a few hundred dollars. He took up a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he at once began to clear and improve, and under his skillful management, it became the ideal farm of Milton township.

Here he married, first, Catherine Amstutz, who became the mother of five children, namely: Peter, C. E., J. C., Barbara and Anna. Peter and Barbara are still living. His first wife dying, Christian Steiner married Marie Steiner and to this union seven children were born, namely: Daniel, Fannie, Ulrich, Amos, Gideon, Catherine and David. Christian Steiner spent the remainder of his life on the farm where he first settled, dying there in 1890. He was popular in his community, having been an upright and conscientious man in all that these terms imply. He was a very successful farmer, and although he started out in life with but little he was worth twenty-five thousand dollars at the time of his death, all of which he made himself by hard work. He was a member of the Mennonite church, and he took much interest in church affairs and other movements for the betterment of his community.

Ulrich Steiner spent his boyhood days assisting with the work on the home farm, attending the common schools during the winter months, receiving a fairly good education. He remained under his parental roof-tree until he was twenty-four years of age, and the last three years spent there he got a portion of the proceeds of the place. He was married in 1872 to Catherine Holser, a native of Greene township, where she first saw the light of day on January 29, 1848. She was reared on the farm and got a common school education. Her father, Daniel Holser, was a well known citizen of Greene township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Steiner eight children have been born, named in order of birth as follows: Amy, born October 20, 1872, is the wife of Alvin Rich, of Wooster; Melvin, born May 18, 1874, is a graduate of the National Normal School of Lebanon, Ohio, and he is now engaged in the hardware business in Chicago; he married Mary Murdock; Professor C. D., born July 30, 1876, was a student in the University of Wooster, and a graduate of the Northwestern University of Chicago, now has charge of the high school at Pendora, Ohio, and he married Margaret Krohn of that place; Ivan, who married Merle Holter of Columbus, was born April 15, 1883, is a graduate of the State University at Columbus; Ivan is an assistant professor in the dairying department of the University of Ohio; Elizabeth, born January 11, 1881, is single and living at home; Elma, born February 19, 1886, is a trained nurse at the Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland; Emmett, born December 15, 1889, is a graduate of the Orrville high school and is single.

After Mr. Steiner's marriage he settled on the farm where he now lives, and he has devoted his attention exclusively to farming of a general character and to stock raising. He owns one of the best farms of Greene township, consisting of one hundred and five acres in section 15. He has improved it

in every way possible and he reaps bounteous harvests from year to year. He has a beautifully located and commodious residence and such outbuildings and farming machinery as his needs require. He has been especially interested in raising and dealing in horses. He has taken a great deal of interest in the education of his children. Aside from his farming he was an agent for an insurance company for a period of about twelve years. In politics he is a Democrat and a member of the school board of Greene township, and religiously he is a member of the Mennonite church. Members of the Steiner family rank deservedly high in all circles of Wayne county's best citizenship.

GEORGE A. FIKE.

A substantial and influential citizen of Greene township, Wayne county, is George A. Fike, who is managing his well improved farm with that foresight and discretion that stamps him as a modern agriculturist of a high order. He is the son of George and Catherine (Rinehart) Fike, and was born in Clinton township, Wayne county, November 27, 1854. He was reared on the home farm which he helped work and received his primary education in the common schools. He also studied at Professor Eberly's school at Smithville, this county, where he took a teacher's course and received a good education, enabling him to begin teaching, which he continued from the time he was seventeen until he was twenty-four years of age, teaching during the winter months and attending school in the summertime. He won considerable local reputation as an educator.

Mr. Fike was married on May 15, 1879, to Ida E. Caskey, who was born in Wayne county on December 1, 1860. She was a student in one of Mr. Fike's schools. Her family has long been a very highly respected one in this county.

After his marriage Mr. Fike abandoned teaching and began merchandising, managing a general store at Smithville, this county, succeeding J. S. Paul, having remained there during the building of the Wheeling railroad. He made a success of this venture, but in time sold his store and purchased a farm in Canaan township, this county, on which he remained for four and one-half years, then bought a farm of eighty acres at Geyers Chapel and he then moved to his present farm in the northeast quarter of section 16, township 17 north, range 12 west. He has a finely improved farm and an attractive and commodious dwelling and other buildings. He carries on general farm-

ing in a manner that shows him to be fully abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to agricultural pursuits. As a stock raiser and dealer in thorough-bred stock he has won a wide reputation, no small portion of his income being derived from this source. He has made a specialty of Shetland ponies and English Berkshires. He has been very successful in whatever he has undertaken, and is now one of the substantial citizens of his township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fike five children have been born, namely: Della, born July 7, 1880, is the wife of Willard Chaffin, of Akron, Ohio; Pearl, born May 4, 1886, is a graduate of the Smithville Normal School and is teaching; George C., born September 19, 1889, graduated from the Smithville high school; he also has taught school; Harry, born July 21, 1892; Eva, born May 27, 1896.

Mr. Fike and family are members of the Lutheran church at Smithville. In politics Mr. Fike is a Democrat, and he has taken considerable interest in local political affairs, having served very acceptably as justice of the peace. This family stands deservedly high in all circles of the county.

WILLIAM A. FIKE.

Improvement and progress may well be said to form the keynote of the character of William A. Fike, and he has not only been interested in individual affairs, but his influence is felt in the upbuilding of the community where his eminently successful life has been spent. He has ever been a very industrious man, striving to keep abreast of the times in every respect, and as a result every mile-post of the years he has passed has found him further advanced, more prosperous, more sedate and with a larger number of friends than the preceding. He was born in Canaan township, Wayne county, February 12, 1853, the son of George and Catherine (Rinehart) Fike, the former an American by adoption only, having been born in Alsace-Lorraine (formerly a part of France, but now in Germany), his birth occurring November 7, 1825. His parents, Michael and Eva Fike, brought him to the United States in 1837. They came to Ohio, locating in Canaan township, Wayne county. When a boy George Fike worked on the farm which his father developed from the primitive wilderness. He received only a limited education in the inefficient schools of his time. When seventeen years of age he decided to become a merchant and accordingly began working in a combined bakery and store; later he clerked in a store at Mansfield, Ohio. Later in

life he purchased a foundry at Loudonville, Ohio, where he engaged in the manufacture of stoves. He was very successful in this venture and when he sold the foundry he purchased a farm in Canaan township, Wayne county, which he managed in a manner that stamped him as an up-to-date agriculturist.

George Fike was married to Catherine Rinehart in 1850. She was also a native of Alsace-Lorraine, having been born there on October 25, 1825. To this union the following children were born: Louisa E., William A., George A., Joseph B., Jacob M. and Mary J., all living in 1909. George Fike was a member of the English Lutheran church, and a trustee in the same, also acted as treasurer for many years. He was a strong character and influential in church and all circles.

William A. Fike was reared on the home farm and received a common school education in his native community. Later he attended Professor Eberly's school at Smithville, Ohio. He was married in 1876 to Mary A. Hoover, who was born in Greene township, June 4, 1854, the only child born to Henry B. and Elizabeth (Christman) Hoover. Henry Hoover was the son of John and Catherine (Bair) Hoover; and John was the son of Henry Hoover, who was the son of Benjamin Hoover. The last named was born in Germany, and he came to America before the Revolutionary war. Benjamin Hoover had the distinction of serving as a soldier in the war of the colonists for independence. When a girl, Mrs. Fike attended the common schools and received a fairly good education.

After his marriage Mr. Fike, having chosen farming as his life work, located in Greene township, renting land for some time until he could get a start. Being a good manager, a hard worker and a man who laid well his plans and always saw to it that they were carefully executed, he prospered and in a short time was able to buy land. Later he sold this land and moved onto a farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres, which his wife inherited from her father, comprising one of the model farms of this favored section of the great Buckeye state. No more beautiful place could be found in the county. It is highly cultivated and under an advanced state of improvement in every particular. The crops have been so skillfully rotated and otherwise managed that the fertility of the soil has not depreciated, and bounteous harvests are annually reaped from its fields. Only a cursory glance over this model farm is necessary to show that a gentleman of thrift, excellent taste and sound judgment has its management in hand. He has one of the finest residences in Greene township, and it is one of the most attractive in the county, being modern in every detail, of beautiful architectural design and

pleasantly located in the midst of well-kept lawns and inviting shade trees. It is commodious, imposing and at the same time cozy, and its furnishings are in keeping with its external appearance. Here the many friends of the family delight to gather, for here they always find hospitality and genuine old-time courtesy and good-will.

The following children have blessed this home: Ada, born November 27, 1878, received a good common school education and three years in music; she has remained single and is living at home. Ida G. was born December 20, 1880, and died at the age of eleven months. Alpha B. was born August 12, 1881, and received a common school education. H. F. Fike, who was born June 1, 1885, was in Company A, First Regiment United States Infantry, serving with distinction in the same for a period of three years in the Philippine Islands. Being a keen observer, his trip abroad was of great benefit to him; he is now employed in an automobile shop in Akron, Ohio. Cree A. was born March 31, 1890, and she is a graduate of the Orrville high school. Besides their own family of interesting and intelligent children, Mr. and Mrs. Fike have reared Cora Maud Ainsworth, who has been in their home since she was six years of age.

With the exception of one year spent in Wooster Mr. Fike and his family have lived on their farm. They are consistent members of the Reformed church of Christ at Orrville, in which Mr. Fike has served as elder and also deacon, having long been an active worker in this congregation and a liberal supporter of this church. In politics he is a Democrat and he has served very acceptably as one of the trustees of Greene township; also served as school director. He is a pleasant man to meet, always companionable, friendly and straightforward, and he and his entire family stand deservedly high in the social, business and religious circles of Wayne county.

ANDREW J. REHM.

One of Wayne county's native sons who have become leaders in their community is Andrew J. Rehm, a business man of more than ordinary foresight, and as a citizen, public spirited and progressive in all that these terms imply. For a number of years he has been an important factor in promoting the progress of Baughman township, of which he is a native, having been born July 6, 1876, and although yet a young man, he has been successful to a gratifying degree in his chosen line. He is the son of George and

Mary C. (Sickman) Rehm, both being now deceased, the father having died when Andrew was six years of age. He was a man of sterling character and he made a success, having been very industrious and a man who was honest in his business and social life. The Sickman family was also a highly respected one. When George Rehm died, his son Andrew was sent to school until he was eighteen years of age by his mother, who kept house until he was twenty years of age. He received a fairly good education and early in life gave evidence of becoming a man of affairs.

Mr. Rehm was united in marriage with Sarah Summers, who was born in Pennsylvania and reared in Tennessee. She is the representative of an excellent family, and she was given a good education. To Mr. and Mrs. Rehm three children were born, namely: Vernon, who at this writing is eight years of age; Earl, seven years old; Olen, two years old.

After his marriage Mr. Rehm engaged in farming very successfully until December, 1908, when he purchased a stock of groceries, and he is now conducting a general store at Burton City. He has a complete line of carefully selected goods, and his store is well arranged, well managed and is up to date in every respect, and an excellent trade is enjoyed with the surrounding community. Because of his obliging disposition and his scrupulous honesty in all his dealings, he has won the confidence and good will of all those who know him.

In politics Mr. Rehm is a Democrat and at present he is one of the school directors of his district, and he takes a great deal of interest in the cause of education in his district. Fraternally, he is a member of Arlington Lodge, No. 775, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being past noble grand of the same, and he has always taken considerable interest in this order. Religiously, he belongs to the Lutheran church and is a liberal supporter of the same.

JOSEPH W. BRINKERHOFF, M. D.

Among the able and successful practitioners of the medical profession in Wayne county, Ohio, the subject of this sketch stands among the leaders. For nearly forty years he has practiced the healing art at Burbank, and during this period he has always enjoyed the unbounded confidence and high regard of all with whom he is acquainted. He has been highly successful in his profession and has also been an active supporter of every movement which has had for its object the upbuilding of the community or the betterment



J. W. Brinkerhoff. M. D.

of local conditions, and he is eminently entitled to representation in this volume.

The history of the Brinkerhoff family as far as recorded goes back to the early emigrant ancestor, Joris Dircksen Brinkenhuuff (as it was then spelled), who in 1638 emigrated from Holland to New Amsterdam and became the first elder of the Dutch church in Brooklyn. The family acquired considerable wealth and became known as one of the old-line families of New York state. One member of the family, Col. John Brinkenhuuff, who was born in 1702 and lived in Fairfax county, New York, served in the Revolutionary army and was a close friend to George Washington. At one time during that struggle Washington was visiting at Colonel Brinkenhuuff's home and the latter wished very much that the General would tell him of a certain move which the army was expected to make. Finally Washington leaned over the table and said, "Colonel, can you keep a secret?" The Colonel protested that he was a man of honor and could, of course. "Well," said General Washington, "so can I." Subsequently the family moved to Pennsylvania and they owned much of the land on which the battle of Gettysburg was fought during the Civil war. Another member of this family, William Brinkerhoff, became president of Franklin College, at New Athens, Ohio, but died soon after being inducted into office.

The subject's paternal grandparents were Daniel and Rebecca (Frazier) Brinkerhoff, the former of whom was born near Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 14, 1780, and died in 1848, and the latter was born in the same county on June 15, 1783, and died in 1872. They were married in 1809 and in about 1820 came to Wayne county, Ohio. Shortly after locating here they bought an uncleared farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Congress township, and proceeded at once to clear a little spot and erected a small log cabin, to which they moved. They were energetic and eventually made a splendid farm of this rough tract.

Doctor Brinkerhoff's maternal grandparents were George and Barbara Sommers, who were among the earliest settlers of Canaan township. Great-grandfather Abraham Sommers was one of the first settlers of Wayne county, having entered from the government all of sections 29 and 32 in Canaan township and the east half of sections 5 and 8 in Wayne township.

The subject's father, John Brinkerhoff, was born June 9, 1813, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and in his boyhood he accompanied his father, Daniel Brinkerhoff, on his migration to Ohio. Here he took an active part in the task of reclaiming the land, which at that time was densely covered with the primeval forest growth. He secured what education he could in the

schools of the neighborhood, and made such progress that in 1835 he began teaching, moving to Wooster, and during the following sixteen years he followed that occupation. He was connected with the academy which was started in Wooster in the forties, and which has since developed into Wooster University. During the Civil war he served as superintendent of the Wooster high school and was a member of the school board in 1872 when the high school building was erected. Soon after coming to Wooster John Brinkerhoff became an elder in the United Presbyterian church and was retained in that position over fifty years. He was ardent in church work and gave his support to all worthy movements. When a young man he had done some surveying and helped lay out much of the land on which the city of Wooster now stands. The subject of this sketch, when a lad, helped his father in some of this work. John Brinkerhoff was a staunch Republican in politics and was the first nominee of that party to be elected to the state Legislature from Democratic Wayne county, and only one other has done so since. He died in 1900. In 1833 John Brinkerhoff married Rebecca Sommers, who was born August 7, 1817, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. She died in 1851, when the subject was but six months old, and in 1852 Mr. Brinkerhoff married Mary Robinson, who was as true a mother to the subject as it is possible for a stepmother to be. Her death occurred on November 7, 1908. John Brinkerhoff was the father of two children besides the subject, namely: George S., who is a successful teacher at Warrensburg, Ohio, and Daniel O., who died December 24, 1861, as the result of camp fever which he contracted while in the service during the Civil war.

Joseph W. Brinkerhoff was born in Wooster, Ohio, on the 16th of February, 1851, and secured his elementary education in the public schools of that city, graduating from the high school with the class of 1869. Having determined to take up the practice of medicine as his life work, he then entered the office of Dr. L. Firestone, studying with him four years. During that time he attended the medical department of Wooster University, where he graduated with the class of 1873 of the regular school of medicine. Immediately after his graduation Doctor Brinkerhoff went to Warrensburg, Missouri, and entered the practice, but in November of the same year he returned to Wayne county and located at Burbank, in the northern part of the county. His success in the practice was assured from the start and the Doctor has practiced there continuously since. He has a large practice and enjoys the unbounded confidence of all who know him. He is a careful reader of the best professional literature and keeps himself in touch with the age in the latest discoveries pertaining to the healing art. Those qualities of mind and

heart that do not pertain to the mere knowledge of medical science, but greatly enhance the true worth of the family physician, are not wanting in him. He possesses the tact and happy faculty of inspiring confidence on the part of his patients and their friends and in the sick room his genial presence and conscious ability to cope successfully with disease under treatment are factors that have contributed much to the enviable standing which he has attained. The Doctor keeps in touch with his professional brethren through his membership in the Ohio State Medical Association, of which he is a valued member.

Politically Doctor Brinkerhoff is identified with the Republican party, in the success of which he takes a great interest, and he has served efficiently as a member of the town council of Burbank. Socially he is an appreciative member of the Free and Accepted Masons, holding membership in Harrisonville Lodge No. 137, at Lodi; Oriental Chapter No. 128, Royal Arch Masons, at West Salem, and Wooster Council No. 13, Royal and Select Masters, at Wooster. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1881. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and give to that society an earnest and generous support.

Doctor Brinkerhoff was married on the 19th of November, 1874, to Ella M. Hemler, who was born at Utica, Licking county, Ohio, on January 21, 1851, the daughter of James and Mary (Byers) Hemler. To this union three children have been born, two dying at birth and Mary at the age of seven months. Mrs. Brinkerhoff died on December 8, 1909. James Hemler, father of Mrs. Brinkerhoff, was born October 14, 1819, in Huntingdon county Pennsylvania, and his wife Mary was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1820, and died March 27, 1873. James Hemler was a tailor by trade and in 1849 he came from Pennsylvania to Utica, Ohio. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church. In old age he retired from active work and is now making his home with his daughter Alice in Los Angeles, California. He is very handy with the needle and but a few years ago he made for each of his children a silk piece quilt, hemstitched, and remarkable for the arrangement of colors and the general workmanship. To James and Mary Hemler were born the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, of San Jose, California; Oscar John, of Susanville, California; Mrs. Sarah Turner, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Mrs. Alice Virginia Johnson, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Lillian Smoots, of Springfield, Missouri; and Mrs. Brinkerhoff.

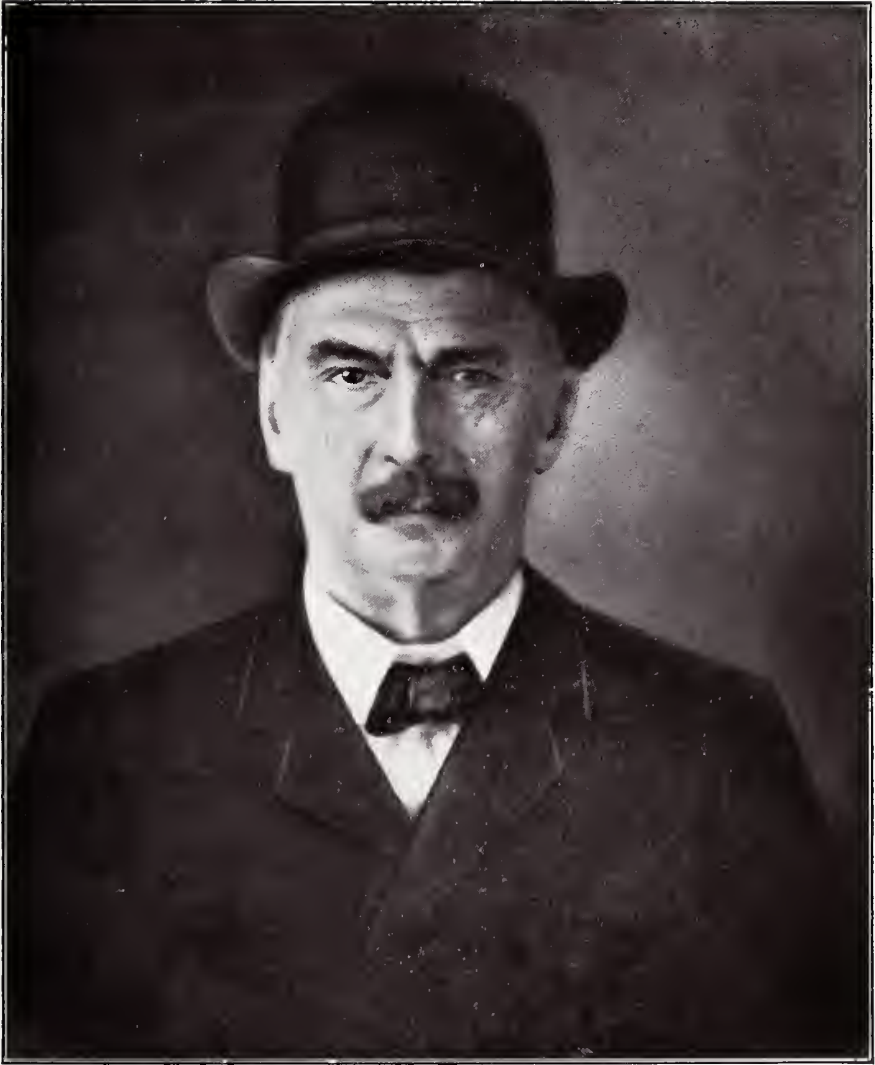
Though a busy man, Doctor Brinkerhoff has ever taken a healthy interest in matters outside his profession, being an interested reader of the best

current literature and a man who thoroughly enjoys social occasions. Incidentally he is much interested in geology and in his home and the yard he has many interesting specimens of rock, petrified trees, etc., evidences of the glacial period in Ohio.

JOSEPH MILLER.

Conspicuously identified with the business and material interests of Burbank and the township of Canaan is the subject of this sketch and he has won for himself an honorable position in the community and is a distinctive type of the successful self-made man. Not a pretentious or exalted life has been his, but one that has been true to itself and to which the biographer may revert with feelings of respect and satisfaction. Identified in a prominent way with various interests, and having attained prestige by successive steps from a modest beginning, it is eminently fitting that a sketch of his life, together with an enumeration of his leading characteristics, be given in this connection, as he is recognized as a man of strong and alert mentality, deeply interested in everything pertaining to the advancement of the community along material lines and today is recognized as one of the progressive men of the county of Wayne. Mr. Miller is widely and favorably known in the community and stands high in the esteem of all who know him.

Joseph Miller is a native son of Ohio, having been born at Rocky River, Medina county, Ohio, in 1838. He is the son of John and Adeline (Addleman) Miller, the former of whom was a native of France. Early in the nineteenth century John Miller left the vine-clad hills of sunny France and came to the United States with the intention of improving his material condition. Going to Cleveland, Ohio, he had an opportunity to buy land there for one hundred and twenty-five dollars an acre, but, not liking the appearance of the sandy soil there, he located in Medina county, this state, and took up a farm of one hundred acres. He entered at once on the task of clearing this and rendering it fit for cultivation and in the course of time he found himself the possessor of one of the best farms in that section. He made that his home during the remainder of his life and died there at the advanced age of eighty-four years. In connection with his farming operations, he dealt extensively in livestock, in which also he was successful. He and his wife became the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only one now living. John Miller was a man of many worthy parts and stood high in the community in which he lived.



JOSEPH MILLER

The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of Medina county, his attendance at school being somewhat limited, as at the age of fourteen years he began to learn the dual trade of blacksmith and machinist. He developed into an expert workman and followed these occupations during the following sixteen years. In 1860 Mr. Miller moved to Burbank, Wayne county, where he worked at his trade for six years, and at the end of that time he entered the hotel and livery business and also secured the contract for carrying the mail, which at that time was a good business. He was occupied in this way for thirty-eight years, when he suffered the loss of the hotel by fire. Since that time he has lived practically retired from active participation in business. He still retains a strong interest in the welfare of the town, however, and in 1907 he erected the largest store building in Burbank, in the residence of which building he now lives. In addition to this property, Mr. Miller owns several farm properties in Wayne and Medina counties, and on these he is extensively engaged in the breeding and raising of pure-bred Holstein cattle. He is an alert and progressive business man and is alive to the best interests of the community. In evidence of this fact, he states that he will rent his fine new store room in Burbank at a mere nominal rental in order to induce another store to open in the town. He evinces a public-spiritedness that reflects greatly to his honor and it is this spirit which has gained for him the exalted position he now occupies in the community.

Mr. Miller was married to Lizzie Stein, who was born in Medina county, the daughter of Andrew Stein, an early settler of that county and who died in Toledo, this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller four children have been born, namely: William; Lizzie, the wife of O. D. Odenkirk, of Wooster; Jennie the wife of John Spreng; Rose, the wife of Frank Watson.

In politics Mr. Miller renders a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party, and takes a keen interest in local public affairs.

FREDERICK W. NEUMEYER.

The people who constitute the bone and sinew of this country are not those who are unstable and unsettled, who fly from this occupation to that, who do not know how to vote until they are told, and who take no active and intelligent interest in affairs affecting their schools, churches and prop-

erty. The backbone of this country is made up of the families which have made their homes, who are alive to the best interests of the community in which they reside, who attend to their own business in preference to the affairs of others, and who work on steadily from day to day, taking the sunshine with the storm, and who rear a fine family to a comfortable home and an honest life. Such people are always welcome in any country and in any community. They are wealth-producers and this country is blessed with many of them, among which is that of the subject of this sketch.

Frederick W. Neumeyer is directly descended from a long line of German ancestors, and the remarkable fact is noted that he is the seventh in consecutive order to bear the name of Frederick W. Another interesting fact is that for seven generations there has been but one child born to each family, and that child a son.

Mr. Neumeyer was born in Cleveland, Ohio, May 28, 1847, and is the son of Frederick W. and Louisa (Rebble) Neumeyer, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were married in the fatherland, and in about 1845 came to the United States, locating at Cleveland, Ohio. The father was a shoemaker by trade and he followed that calling all his active years. In 1860 the family moved to Wooster and in 1862 came to Burbank, Wayne county, Ohio, where the last days of the parents were spent. They were quiet and unostentatious folk, but were possessed of sterling qualities of character that commended them to the esteem of all who knew them.

Frederick W. Neumeyer, of this review, received his education in the schools of Cleveland, also attending several terms in the schools of Wayne county after the removal of the family here. As soon as old enough he learned his father's trade, that of shoemaker, and in due course of time became a proficient workman, following that vocation with gratifying success for the long period of thirty years at Burbank. He also became proficient as a barber, and since 1880 he has followed that vocation in connection with shoemaking. He has been successful in business matters, and is now the owner of a fine and fertile farm of one hundred and thirty-eight acres, which he rents, deriving therefrom a neat income.

The military chapter in the life record of Mr. Neumeyer is one of the most interesting. On February 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with a most creditable record until the close of the war. He made the entire rounds with that matchless leader, Sherman, having first visited Columbus, Bridgeport, Alabama, then went to Atlanta and was in the trying campaign and many hard-fought contests roundabout that stronghold. He was honorably discharged

on July 13, 1865. He has the distinction of being the organizer of James Young Post, No. 376; Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is still a member.

On February 22, 1867, Mr. Neumeyer wedded Mary Conklin, a native of Wayne county, and to them have been born eight children, namely: Frederick W., Guy, deceased; Gaylord, deceased; Mae, Lillie, Hallie, Harry and Ray. There is also an adopted son, William. Mrs. Mary Neumeyer died on January 2, 1901, and on the 4th of September, 1902, Mr. Neumeyer married Minnie Jourdin, a native of Medina county, Ohio. To this union no children have been born.

Politically, Mr. Neumeyer has always given an enthusiastic support to the Republican ticket and has himself been honored by election to several local offices of importance. He has served as a member of the town council of Burbank, as street commissioner, and for fifteen years rendered valuable services as a member of the school board. He is public-spirited and has the best interests of the community at heart.

Religiously, Mr. Neumeyer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an active interest in the various departments of church work. He is a whole-souled gentleman and a public-spirited citizen, and is ready at all times to use his means and influence for the promotion of such public improvements as well conduce to the comfort and happiness of his fellow citizens, and there is probably not another man in the town who is held in higher esteem by the population, regardless of sects, politics or professions.

DAVID J. WEAVER.

Action is the keynote of the character of all who achieve success—action wisely planned and carefully carried out. The successful life story of D. J. Weaver is a case in point, being one of a determined struggle for a definite purpose. He started in life practically on his own resources, but being a man of force and will he has succeeded and is now comfortably located on his farm in Baughman township, Wayne county, which he has wrested from a resisting nature and improved year by year, and which through his efforts is as good land as the county affords.

Mr. Weaver was born at Attica, Seneca county, Ohio, January 7, 1859, the son of W. C. and Elizabeth (Thompson) Weaver. The former was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he grew up and was educated. He came to Ohio early in life and married in this state. He was a

good business man and became an extensive and well-to-do farmer, a man of much influence in his community. He took considerable interest in Republican politics. His death occurred in 1893 and his widow, a woman of admirable personal traits, is still living in 1909. They were the parents of the following children: John, Frank S., D. J., Ervin, Mary and Bertha, all living at this writing, D. J. of this review being the only one in Wayne county, Ohio. He was reared upon the farm which he assisted in developing, attending the country schools during the winter months, receiving a fairly good education in the common schools. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years old, having farmed his father's place for a part of the crops which he raised. He proved to be a good farmer and soon had a start. He is now the owner of a very valuable farm of seventy-five acres, which is under a high state of improvement and yields bounteous harvests under his able management. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is doing well with both. He has a comfortable home and all the farming machinery and outbuildings to meet his requirements.

Mr. Weaver was married in 1885 to Edith O. Stinson, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, December 9, 1861. She is the daughter of William Stinson. This family has long been an honored one in this county. When Mr. Weaver came to Wayne county he located on a farm east of Dalton in Sugar Creek township. He has always been a farmer and a good one, too.

To Mr. and Mrs. Weaver three children have been born, namely: Edna, born January 5, 1886, is a graduate of the Marshallville (Ohio) high school. She taught school very successfully for some time. She is now married and lives in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. William Weaver was born August 6, 1888, and he gives promise of a successful business man, as does also his brother, Earl, who was born March 1, 1890, and who graduated from the local high school in 1909.

Mr. Weaver is a Republican and he takes much interest in local political affairs, and he is at present very ably filling the office of one of the trustees of Baughman township, serving his third term. Fraternally, he belongs to Orrville Lodge, No. 430, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Dalton.

CHARLES WESLEY WHITMORE.

The unostentatious routine of private life, although of vast importance to the welfare of the community, has not figured to any great extent in history. But the names of men who have distinguished themselves by the pos-



CHARLES W. WHITMORE AND FAMILY

session of those qualities which mainly contribute to the success of private life and to the public stability, and who have enjoyed the respect and confidence of those around them, should not be permitted to perish. Their examples are most valuable and their lives well worthy of consideration. Such are the thoughts that involuntarily come to mind when we take under review the career of such an honored pioneer as the gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph. Though he was not permitted to carry out his original plans for life-work, he has not been denied a fair measure of success in the work to which he has devoted himself, and today he is numbered among the representative citizens of Canaan township.

Charles W. Whitmore was born in Canaan township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 21st of April, 1868. He is the son of Hezekiah and Anna M. (Balmer) Whitmore, the former of whom was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of October, 1830, and the latter in the town of Mechanicsburg, the same county, on September 29, 1839. The subject's paternal grandfather, Samuel Whitmore, of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, was a very early settler of Wayne county, bringing with him his son Hezekiah. They settled on a farm in Canaan township and after the death of his father Hezekiah Whitmore took up the operation of the home place, and lived there during the remainder of his life. He was converted in the United Brethren church at the age of fourteen years and thereafter he was an earnest Christian, devoting much time to earnest church work and frequently going many miles to attend meetings. He was the possessor of musical talent of a high order and was prominent in the singing in all meetings which he attended. In physique he was very muscular, being then considered the strongest man in his section of the state, it ben asserted that he could, unassisted, lift and move around the rear end of a threshing machine. His death, which occurred at the early age of thirty-eight years, was caused by a strain from lifting. His death occurred August 18, 1868. On the 18th of December, 1866, he married Anna M. Balmer, and they became the parents of one child, Charles Wesley, the subject of this sketch. Anna M. Balmer Whitmore sold the home farm after her husband's death and, on February 18, 1875, she became the wife of Cyrus Stratton, who died May 14, 1896. To this union was born one son, Franklin B., July 25, 1876. By a prior marriage Mr. Stratton had a son, Joseph W. Stratton, born in 1861, who died February 27, 1889.

The mother of the subject, Mrs. Anna M. Stratton, was born in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on September 29, 1839, and is a daughter of Christian Balmer. The latter was a minister of the United Brethren church, and in his early days he followed the trade of a coachmaker, in this way supporting him-

self, and preaching on Sundays. The family came to Ohio in 1851. Anna M. attended school in Pennsylvania, and after coming to Ohio she attended the high school at Smithville. Subsequently she engaged in teaching school for twelve terms, meeting with splendid success. In 1866 she was married to Hezekiah Whitmore, to which union one son, Charles W., was born. Mr. Whitmore died on August 5, 1868, and in 1875 she became the wife of Cyrus Stratton. They had one son, Franklin B. Stratton, who was born July 25, 1876. He lives in Cleveland, is married and the father of four children, two sons and two daughters. Cyrus Stratton died on May 14, 1896, and his widow now makes her home with her son, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Stratton is an accomplished penman, having given this line considerable study in her younger days. She has always been an ardent church worker and enjoys the unbounded respect of the entire community.

Charles W. Whitmore remained at work on the home farm until he was fifteen years old and during the interim attended the district schools near his home, completing his public school education by attending the high school at Burbank. He then took the classical course at the Northwestern Ohio Normal University at Ada, remaining there until within a year of graduation, when, by way of review, he took the preparatory course at Wooster University, afterwards entering the three-years classical course, including special courses in music and natural history. Soon after he entered upon his senior year his health began to fail and he was advised to quit his studies at once and take up work in the open air. He and his mother then bought the Stratton farm of one hundred and eighty-eight acres in Canaan township and since that time (1891) Mr. Whitmore has devoted his attention to the operation of that place. The outdoor life has brought a return of health and Mr. Whitmore is giving to his work the same enthusiasm and energy which he formerly devoted to his studies at school. He has taken a strong interest in educational matters and gives his support to every movement looking to the advancement of the moral, educational or material interests of the community.

In politics Mr. Whitmore is an arden supporter of the Prohibition party, believing the temperance question to be the most vital issue now before the American people. His religious belief is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, his membership being with the society of that denomination at Canaan. He has been actively interested in church work since he was eight years old and for many years he has served as class leader. He served as superintendent of the Sunday school for two years at Canaan and in a like capacity one year at West Canaan, and since 1897 he has served

continuously as teacher of the adult class in the Canaan Sunday school. He is also a member of the official board of the church, being a steward and trustee.

On the 7th of March, 1894, Mr. Whitmore married Jennie M. Frary, who was born September 30, 1871, in Canaan township, Wayne county, Ohio, the daughter of Asa Frary, who is referred to elsewhere in this work in the sketch of William Frary. To this union have been born three children, namely: Howard Seelye, born January 4, 1895; Lowell Asa, born May 1, 1898; Merrill H., born October 21, 1903. The subject has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful and progressive agriculturist, always known for his prompt and honorable methods of dealing, and thus he has earned the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen. His farm is well adapted to the cultivation of the products common to this part of the state, and also to stockraising, to which he has given some attention. His methods have been progressive, and his improvements of a character which are indicative of a thorough knowledge of his business and a deep interest in it. In 1906 and 1908 Mr. Whitmore set out two orchards of about sixteen acres, which are beginning to bear. He has already had some fine apples, peaches and pears and he takes a great pride in it.

FREDERICK WENGER.

The little republic of Switzerland has sent more citizens to the United States according to its size than perhaps any other foreign country. They have been coming to our shores since the old colonial days and they have almost without exception proven to be progressive and public spirited, quickly adopting our manners and customs, ready to defend our institutions on the battlefield or in private life, and no class of foreigners is more welcome in the numerous communities where they have located. Of this vast number, Frederick Wenger, father of the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch, deserves to be remembered. He was born in Switzerland in 1805, and while yet a young man he made his way to America. About the same time there also came to this country from France a young girl, Magdalena Miller, who was born there on March 31, 1809. By strange chance of fate they each located in Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, where they met and were subsequently married. They soon settled down on the farm where the subject of this sketch now resides. The city of Orrville

now covers the major part of this land. It was at that time covered with woods, but Mr. Wenger began work earnestly and soon had a small spot cleared, on which he erected a small log cabin. He became a large land owner and was very prosperous, a man who was far-seeing and analytical in his judgment; he was very accurate in figures "in his head," seldom using a pencil and paper for the most complex problem. He was not a highly educated man, but he was widely read, always keeping a good library. He was one of the leading pioneers of this county, a strong man in every respect and a leader in his locality, a man whom everybody respected and admired. He remained here until his death, which occurred in 1873. His good wife passed to her rest on June 1, 1888. They were the parents of thirteen children, five of whom are living in 1909, namely: Elias; Magdalena, wife of David Mast, living in Iowa; Leah, widow of Stephen Miller, of Weland, Iowa; Lydia, widow of Samuel Benner; Frederick.

Frederick Wenger, of this review, was born in Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, April 6, 1855, and he was reared on the farm where he still lives, having enjoyed the rare privilege of spending his life under his parental roof-tree, a thing that is denied most of us. When old enough he began working in the fields and attending the common schools during the winter months. When he reached the age of twenty-one he took charge of the home farm and his subsequent career as an agriculturist has been highly successful and satisfactory.

Mr. Wenger was married to Catherine Schrock, who was born in Greene township, this county, June 17, 1854, the daughter of Moses Schrock, who was born, lived and died in Greene township, his birth occurring June 10, 1828, and the date of his death was April 22, 1909. He was a prosperous farmer and good man. He married Christena Greig on September 15, 1853, and to this union six sons and three daughters were born. Christena Greig was born April 17, 1831. Mrs. Wenger received a good education in the local schools and she has been a faithful helpmeet and an exemplary mother.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wenger, namely: Amanda, born March 8, 1878, is the wife of Elmer W. Burkholder; Lydia, born June 30, 1879, is the wife of Simon Schmucker; Levi J., born March 2, 1884, is devoting his life to farming and teaching in the common schools; he has remained single.

Mr. Wenger is one of the substantial men of his community. He owns a very valuable farm of eighty acres along the corporate limits of Orrville. It is under a high state of improvement and is one of the model farms of

this part of the Buckeye state. He has a beautiful modern home and everything about the place shows that a gentleman of excellent taste has its management in hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Wenger are among the best citizens of the county, and their friends are numerous throughout the same. Mr. Wenger is a member of the Amish Mennonite church. In politics he is a Democrat, and he always takes an abiding interest in whatever tends to promote the general good of his county.

JACOB REHM.

The old Keystone state has sent a vast horde of its most enterprising citizens to Wayne county, Ohio, and they have played well their parts in the upbuilding of the same. One of this worthy number is Jacob Rehm, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1842, the son of Jacob and Barbara (Hutz) Rehm, both natives of Germany. Jacob Rehm, Sr., was born October 8, 1808, and died November 25, 1899, aged ninety-one years, one month and seventeen days. Like many of his contemporaries of that period, he conceived the idea of coming to the United States when he had grown to manhood, consequently he crossed the broad Atlantic in an old sailing vessel, landing on our shores about 1832, and he soon located in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. Barbara Hutz came to America with her parents when she was still a very young girl, and she, too, settled in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where her father soon had a comfortable living amid the new conditions which they bravely faced. She was married to Jacob Rehm, Sr., in 1836, and in 1845 they moved to Baughman township, Wayne county, Ohio, where they secured one hundred and sixty acres of land, mostly in the woods, but being made of sterling stuff they set to work with a will and soon had a good home and a fine farm. They lived there until 1867 when they moved just across the road from their original farm, where they purchased an eighty-five-acre place, where they lived until 1899, on November 25th of which year Mr. Rehm died, aged ninety-one years, one month and seventeen days. He had nothing when he came to the United States. Being a weaver by trade, he wove some carpets and in that way saved some money and sent for his father, defraying his expenses to this country. His father was Martin Rehm, a plain, honest, excellent old German. To such a man as Jacob Rehm, Sr., all credit is due, for although he started out in the midst of the greatest possible dis-

couragements, he had all the elements of success within him and during his lifetime he accumulated fifty thousand dollars, and all this was the result of excellent management and honest dealing, for he was a very religious man and not a dishonest dollar ever passed through his hands. He took a very active interest in the Lutheran church, of which he was a member and a liberal supporter and an elder in the same for many years, being, in fact, the main pillar of that church. In politics he was a Democrat. Quiet and unassuming, he did not seek public display, but rather preferred the even tenor of his way. All who knew him were unstinted in their praise of his many admirable qualities of head and heart. His noble wife was also a faithful advocate of all that was ennobling and good.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rehm, Sr., ten children were born, eight sons and two daughters, namely: George; Mary, who is the wife of Henry Crites; Jacob, of this review; Catherine, John, Martin, Daniel, Samuel, William and Henry.

Jacob Rehm, of this review, was two years old when his parents came to Wayne county, Ohio. When he reached the proper age he began working on the home farm, continuing thus until he was twenty-one years of age, having in the meantime attended the neighboring schools and received a very serviceable education. After he reached legal age he worked for his father by the month.

Mr. Rehm was married in 1868 to Catherine Forrer, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where her birth occurred on April 18, 1847. She came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1855 with her parents, who were progressive and highly respected people. She received a common school education and has proved to be a very faithful and sympathetic helpmeet. To Mr. and Mrs. Rehm five children have been born, two of whom died in early childhood. Those living are Mary, the wife of Ora Brillhart, living in Baughman township; Emma, the wife of Peter Felix; Amos married Grace Layman.

Mr. Rehm has prospered by reason of his close application to business and his excellent management. He is the owner of one of the model farms of Wayne county, consisting of three hundred and forty-five acres, all in Baughman township, which is conservatively worth ninety dollars per acre. It is well improved in every respect, and the crops have been so skillfully rotated that the soil has retained its original fertility. He has a modern, commodious and nicely furnished home, substantial barn, convenient outbuildings and all the farming machinery that his needs require,—in short, his place shows thrift and prosperity. He keeps an excellent grade of stock of

all kinds and is an admirer of fine horses; however, hogs are his specialty, and a large part of his income is derived from the handling of large numbers of an excellent breed from year to year.

In his political relations Mr. Rehm is a Democrat, but not a strict partisan, often preferring to vote for the man instead of the party. He keeps abreast of the times by wide miscellaneous reading. Religiously, he belongs to the Lutheran church, being an elder in the local congregation and a liberal supporter of the same. All movements having for their object the general progress of Wayne county find in him a hearty exponent, and he and his excellent family are the recipients of the courteous treatment that is due people of their good standing.

WILLIAM F. WINTERSTEEN.

One of the best-remembered gentlemen of the past generation in Orrville, Wayne county, was the late William F. Wintersteen, than whom a more whole-souled, affable and all-around high-minded citizen it would have been difficult to find, and although his earthly career has ended, the good he did and the many kind words spoken by him still live in the hearts of his many friends and acquaintances. He was born near Jefferson, this county, April 16, 1864, the son of Benjamin and Sarah Wintersteen. After spending his early childhood on the home place he lived in Reedsburg until he was married, then moved to Wooster, from there back to Reedsburg, and then moved to Orrville eighteen years ago and engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. He was educated in the common schools of Reedsburg. His father had a furniture and undertaking establishment and he assisted in the management of the same, thus early receiving the valuable training that has been of such great help to him in his subsequent business undertakings. He remained with his father until he was twenty-three years of age when he went to Wooster and worked for Landis & Swope for two years. He then returned to Reedsburg and formed a partnership with his father, which continued for two years. He then came to Orrville and was in business alone on North Main street for a short time. He then formed a partnership with J. H. Stansberry, which continued very successfully for ten years. About eight years ago he sold his furniture to Stansberry and bought a music store, which he conducted in connection with his undertaking establishment.

In 1903 Mr. Wintersteen went on a western trip, accompanied by his wife. They sojourned in New Mexico and California for one year in the

hopes of benefiting Mr. Wintersteen's health, but he continued to grow worse and the end came at Claremont, southern California, on December 24, 1904. His remains were sent back to Wayne county, Ohio, and interred at Reedsburg.

Mr. Wintersteen was married on December 12, 1885, to Lillian Houser, daughter of David and Susan (Barnhart) Houser, who were influential citizens of West Unity, Ohio. Mrs. Wintersteen was born at West Unity, Williams county, Ohio. To this union six children were born, three of whom are deceased; those living are: Guy, an electrical engineer, now working in Alaska; Ralph and Charles.

Mr. Wintersteen was a member of the Reformed church, and fraternally he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen. He was regarded by all who knew him as a most congenial and companionable gentleman and he had scores of friends throughout the county. He was kind and indulgent to his family and a successful business man. Mrs. Wintersteen is living in a cozy and nicely furnished home in Orrville, a woman of pleasing personality, who has many warm personal friends here.

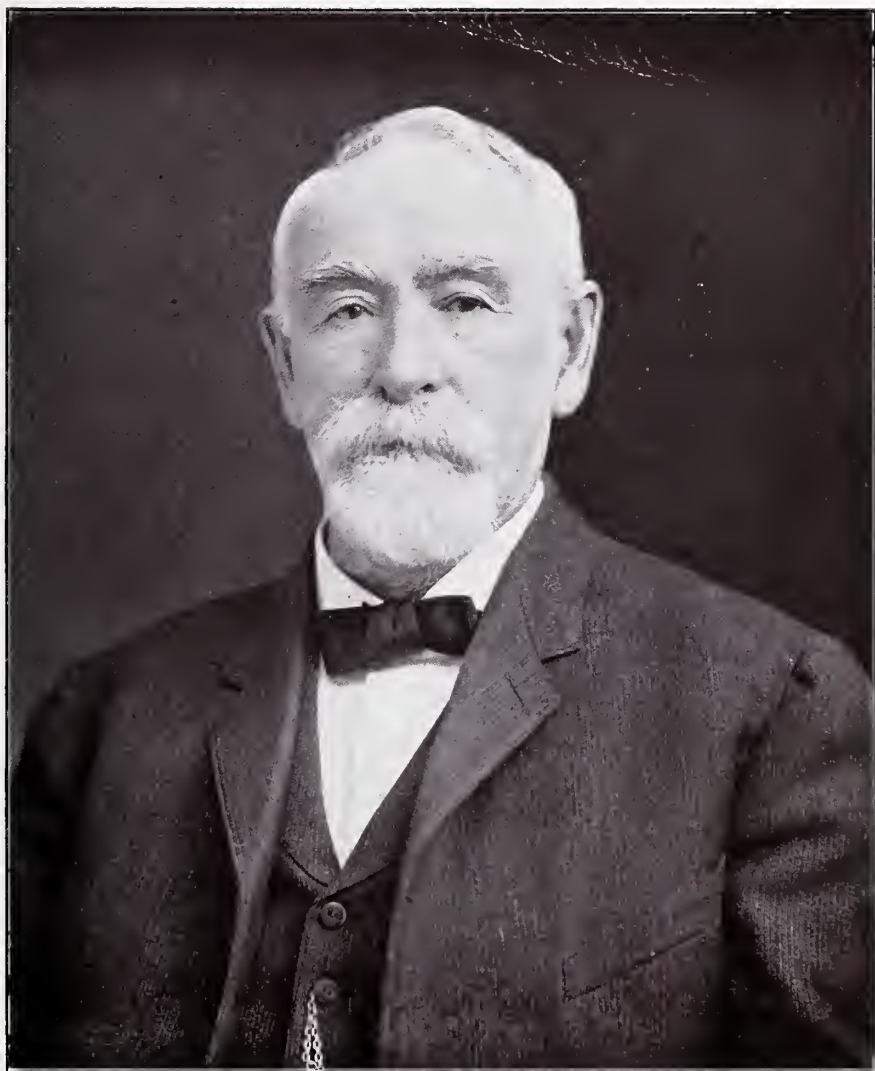
JAMES TAGGART.

From the early pioneer epoch the life of the honored subject of this review has been identified with the agricultural and commercial activities of Wayne county, of which he is a native son and in which he has maintained a consecutive residence. He has now passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and this fact is significant, since it indicates the early date at which his parents must have cast in their lot with the pioneers of this now prosperous and opulent section of the old Buckeye state. His father exercised a potent influence in the development and advancement of the county in the early days, and this is also true of the son, who has here lived and labored to goodly ends, so ordering his life as to command the unreserved confidence and regard of all who know him. To a review of his earnest and honorable life the writer turns with a feeling of respect and satisfaction, since the same offers both lesson and incentive.

James Taggart, of Wooster township, was born in the city of Wooster, Ohio, on March 20, 1836, and is a son of William and Lydia A. (Reiter) Taggart. William Taggart was born in Belmont county, Ohio, March 5, 1811, and was a son of James Taggart, who came to the United States from



MRS. CATHERINE TAGGART



James Taggart

county Cork, Ireland. That was prior to the war of the Revolution and he was then but three years old, having been brought to this country by his parents. The family came at once to Belmont county, Ohio, and there James Taggart spent the remaining years of his life. William Taggart came from Belmont county to Wooster in 1833. He was a saddler by trade and was employed at this work at Wooster until 1846, when he removed to a farm in Wayne township, where he lived during the remainder of his life. He and his wife are now buried in the Wooster cemetery. Religiously he was a member of the Baptist church, of which he was a trustee, and he and his wife both took a deep interest in the various activities of the society. His political affiliation was with the Republican party. To him and his wife were born the following children: James, the immediate subject of this sketch; William, who now lives in Kansas, was a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, was captured during the Red River campaign, and was confined in rebel prisons at Tyler, Texas, thirteen months and seven days; Samuel died April 26, 1863, at the age of twenty-three years; Joseph is deceased; Emmett F., who now lives at Akron, Ohio, was a private in the One Hundred and Second Ohio Regiment during the Civil war and has since held the rank of major in the National Guards; Isaac is assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank at Massillon, Ohio; John lives at Columbus; Mary Catherine is the wife of William Hatfield, a furniture dealer at Chicago. William Taggart died October 31, 1862. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia A. Reiter, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1814, and died May 31, 1882. She was a daughter of William Reiter, who came to Wooster township, Wayne county, Ohio, in the early twenties. He here followed the occupation of a farmer, in which he was fairly successful, and became a well-known and influential man in Wayne county. He was widely known as Squire Reiter, having served for many years as a justice of the peace. Part of the farm which he owned is now included in the farm owned by the subject of this sketch. William Taggart was possessed of strong qualities of mind, being a man of marked intelligence and sound judgment. He was energetic and progressive in his methods, and during his active years was identified with practically every local movement looking to the betterment of the community, especially along educational lines. He served efficiently as president of the Wayne County Agricultural Society for a number of years and was a number of times a delegate to the State Agricultural Society meetings. He was a well informed man on the general topics of the day, and

during the Civil war he was an ardent supporter of the war measures of the government. He was a faithful supporter of all moral efforts and his influence was ever found on the side of good and against evil.

James Taggart was reared by his parents and received a district school education. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty years of age, when he went to work for the Pennsylvania railroad. Two years later, however, he returned to farming, in which he has since been continuously engaged, with noteworthy success. He is wide awake and progressive in his ideas and gives his personal attention to everything he undertakes, so that all his undertakings have been rewarded with a gratifying result. His fine country home in Wooster township presents an attractive appearance, its general aspect indicating the owner to be a man of good taste and excellent judgment. Aside from his agricultural operations, Mr. Taggart is also identified with a number of other enterprises, in all of which he takes a leading part. He is a stockholder in and chairman of the board of directors of the Coach Pad Company, Wooster, one of the successful enterprises of that city, and is also a stockholder in the Wayne County National Bank.

In politics Mr. Taggart is a staunch Republican and has taken a very active part in the local affairs of his party. He has been honored several times by election to public office, having served as assessor and for three years as a member of the county infirmary board. In 1907 he was elected a trustee of the township, and is now serving as such with marked credit to himself and the benefit of the township. He has several times served as a delegate to the state conventions of his party. For twenty-seven years he has been a member of the school board and for a number of years has been president of that body. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church and he is now a member of the church of that denomination at Wooster, of which he is an earnest and liberal supporter. Mr. Taggart has taken a deep interest in military affairs and for fifteen years he was a member of the Ohio National Guard, belonging to the Eighth Regiment, and during the greater part of this time was a sergeant, being regimental quartermaster for six years.

Mr. Taggart was united in marriage to Catherine Scentman, a native of Pennsylvania, and to them were born the following children: William S., who lives at Wooster, married Bell Tettars, and they have one child, Flossie; John H., of Columbus, married Viola Tettars, and they have one child, Howard; Anna lives at Dayton, Ohio; Sarah Jane, now deceased, was the wife of a Mr. Etter, and they had three children, Grant, James and Chloe, who married Addie Weaver, of Congress township, this county, this union resulting in three children; James Lincoln, of Akron, Ohio, married Mary Eckart, who died, leaving two children, namely: Alvirda, the wife of

Charles Brubaker, of Rittman, this county, and they have two children, Mildred Pauline and James Clifford; Florence, who has made her home with her grandfather, is now the wife of Lee Drabenstock and her mother of one child, Arline; Ulysses Grant, of Wooster, married Margaret Taylor and they have one child, Mary; Miley Bell is the wife of J. D. McKee, of Chicago, Illinois, and they have one child, Robert. Mrs. Taggart died on the 22d of April, 1904. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church at Wooster and was possessed of many fine womanly qualities of character which commended her to the love and good feeling of all who knew her.

During a residence of many years in this community, Mr. Taggart has lived a life that has given him a high standing in the opinion of those who know him best. A man of progressive spirit and marked enterprise, he has always been foremost in all movements for the general good and his influence has ever been a potential factor for the best things in the life of his fellow men.

HENRY H. FORRER.

The state of Pennsylvania has furnished a large number of its best citizens to Wayne county, Ohio. This is not strange, for the distance is not great and this is a much newer country and richer, also, than many parts of the great Keystone state. Of this number of progressive citizens Henry H. Forrer should be mentioned in this work, along with other leading citizens of the county. He was born in Pennsylvania, September 30, 1842, the son of Henry K. and Charlotte (Kendig) Forrer. The former was born in Pennsylvania, but came to Wayne county, Ohio, and engaged in farming, becoming fairly well situated, spending the remaining years of his life here. He had married before coming to Ohio. He was the son of Martin Forrer, who also was born in Pennsylvania.

Henry K. Forrer moved to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1855 and here he engaged in farming during the remaining years of his life, becoming well established, owning one hundred and fifty acres of land. He was a member of the Mennonite church and a good and useful man. His death occurred in March, about 1897.

Henry H. Forrer, of this sketch, was about twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Ohio, and here he worked on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He received a limited education in the district schools of his community. He learned the carpenter's trade and became a very skilled workman, doing considerable contract work and there-

by got a good start in the business world, having saved enough to purchase seventy-seven acres of excellent land in 1895; he also owns three and one-half acres in the city of Orrville. The land had but few improvements on it when he bought it, but he has made a number of changes and now has one of the choice farms in this vicinity, clearing much of the land himself. He erected a modern and commodious dwelling and a substantial barn, each being among the most attractive and modern in the township. He carries on general farming and stock raising in a manner that shows him to be fully abreast of the times.

Mr. Forrer married Margaret Anderson, a woman of fine personal traits and the daughter of an excellent family. To this union three children have been born, two sons living and one daughter deceased, namely: G. W. Forrer, who is single and living with his parents, and J. E. Forrer, also at home.

In politics Mr. Forrer is a Republican and he has always been a worker in his party; however, he prefers to spend most of his time in looking after his personal business affairs rather than mingling with the crowd of office seekers. He is a quiet, unassuming, honest and highly respected man, one of the best known citizens of Baughman township.

ABNER G. ORR.

The people who constitute the bone and sinew of this country are not those who are unstable and unsettled, who fly from this occupation to that, who do not know how to vote until they are told, and who take no active and intelligent interest in affairs affecting their schools, churches and property. The backbone of this country is made up of the families which have made their homes, who are alive to the best interests of the community in which they reside, and who attend to their own business and are too busy to attend to that of others, who work on steadily from day to day taking the sunshine with the storm, and who rear a fine family to a comfortable home and an honest life. Such people are always welcome in any country and any community. They are wealth producers and Wayne county is blessed with many of them, among the number being the subject of this sketch.

Abner G. Orr is descended from sturdy Irish ancestry, his grandfather, Samuel Orr, having emigrated to this country from Ireland in young man-



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hood. He came at once to Wayne county, Ohio, and located in East Union township. At that time he had no means, but he possessed strong arms and a willing heart, and by dint of tireless energy and a wise economy he was enabled to buy a small tract of land, to which he added from time to time as he was able until at the time of his death he was the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres. He married Mary Burnett, and they became the parents of eight sons and one daughter. Of these sons, Thomas was the father of the subject of this sketch. He was born in East Union township on October 31, 1820, and was reared on his father's farm, which he continued to till during his active years. He married Nancy Gaddis and they became the parents of six children, two boys and four girls, namely: Martha, the wife of Albert Hughes, of Defiance county, Ohio; Mary, the wife of Abram Eshelman, of Milton township; Abner G., the subject of this sketch; Emma, the wife of Charles Swaingart, of East Union township; William J. married Emma J. Brenneman and resides on the old homestead in East Union township; Sarah A., who was the wife of C. M. Badger, is now deceased.

One sad accident happened in the Bechtel family. In 1837 there was a fire and the house burned, and four girls were burned to death. This affected the health of the father so that he passed away and one year later on Christmas day they buried him.

Abner G. Orr was born in East Union township, Wayne county, February 3, 1856, and was reared under the parental roof. He attended the common schools of his locality, supplementing this by attendance at Professor Eberly's school at Smithville. On the completion of his education he began teaching school and followed this vocation seven years. He then resumed labor on the farm and subsequently came into possession of a fine farm of his own, on which he is successfully prosecuting his chosen vocation. He has a splendid farm of three hundred and eight acres, on which he raises all the crops common to this locality, and in connection therewith he also gives considerable attention to the breaking and raising of live stock, in which also he has been successful. He is a careful and painstaking man, and the appearance of his property indicates him to be a man of good taste and sound judgment. He has a comfortable and commodious residence, substantial and convenient outbuildings and barns, and in all departments of his work he is up to date.

On February 27, 1890, Mr. Orr was united in marriage to Sarah M. Bechtel. She is a daughter of Jacob Bechtel, who was born on February 29,

1836, in Greene township, where he spent his entire life. Mrs. Orr was born July 26, 1861, on the farm on which she now lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Orr have been born four children, as follows: Walter B., born April 16, 1894; Mary E., born July 10, 1896; Emily A., born January 23, 1899; Charlotte K., born September 27, 1901; Sarah Lucille, born March 17, 1906, died August 24, 1907.

In politics Mr. Orr is an enthusiastic Republican and is now serving as one of the trustees of Greene township, having also served as a member of the school board. In religion, he and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian church at Orrville, to which they give an earnest and generous support. Mr. Orr is an excellent citizen, quiet and unostentatious, and enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends, who have known him from early boyhood.

DAVID WENGER.

One of the best-known and most progressive native sons of Wayne county is David Wenger, whose entire life has been spent within her borders, and he has always had deeply at heart the well-being and improvement of the county, using his influence wherever possible for the promotion of enterprises calculated to be of lasting benefit to his fellow men, besides taking a leading part in all movements for advancing the community along social, intellectual and moral lines. Mr. Wenger was born in Sugar Creek township, March 22, 1864. He is the son of Emanuel Wenger, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood and where he was educated, having married there, and soon afterwards came to Wayne county, Ohio, his wife also having been a native of Pennsylvania. They lived on a farm and became prosperous and highly respected citizens of Sugar Creek township. To them seven sons were born, three of whom are deceased; those living are David, Emanuel, Christian and Amos. They have a half-sister living, Anna, the daughter of Emanuel Wenger by his second wife, who was Mary A. Tschantz.

David Wenger was reared upon the home farm; however, when eleven years of age he removed with his parents to Burton City, where he attended the common schools and received a fairly good education. Not content to begin the battle of life with a common school education, however, he

went to Oberlin, Ohio, and took a commercial course, graduating there in the spring of 1885.

Mr. Wenger's bent seemed to be toward merchandising and he accordingly sought employment in a store at Orrville, clerking in a clothing store there for a period of four years, giving his employers entire satisfaction, for he was courteous, alert and possessed innate ability that went to make a first-class clerk. Seeking a broader field, where he could learn more of the life of a merchant, he betook himself to the city of Dunkirk, New York, and he remained in this prosperous little city for about a year, during which time he picked up many helpful hints, being a man of well-developed perceptive faculties, enabling him to closely observe the trend of events in the commercial world, so that in 1891 when he returned to Wayne county he was well equipped to enter business for himself. He purchased a stock of goods at Burton City and conducted a general store there, being successful from the first, and is still managing the same, having built up a very lucrative patronage with the surrounding country. He has a carefully selected and well-arranged stock, of large dimensions, and he owns his store building. He is also postmaster at Burton City, the duties of which he is ably discharging.

As a Republican, Mr. Wenger takes considerable interest in local political affairs. Having studied law and having been admitted to the Ohio bar, before which he passed a very satisfactory examination, he does a little office work and is a notary public. He is at present clerk of Baughman township, filling this office to the satisfaction of all concerned. He has studied law at home until he is well grounded in its fundamental principles and should he devote his attention exclusively to the practice of law he would doubtless build up a large practice and achieve more than ordinary success, seeming to be possessed of innate qualities that would redound to the accomplishment of definite and large results in the legal field. He is a man of untiring industry, force of character, public spirited and honest in his relations with his fellow men, consequently he has the confidence and good will of all who know him.

In 1891 Mr. Wenger married Mary B. Spindler, of Burton City, Ohio, and they have two daughters, Grace M. and Margaret E., aged respectively fifteen and seventeen years.

In 1898 Mr. Wenger was the Republican candidate for the Legislature, but Wayne county's Democratic majority was too great to overcome and he went down to defeat with the balance of the Republican ticket.

DAVID CALVIN ARMSTRONG.

The first half of the nineteenth century was characterized by the immigration of that pioneer element which made the great state of Ohio what it is. These immigrants were sturdy, heroic, upright, sincere people, such as constitute the intrinsic strength of a commonwealth. It scarcely appears probable that in the future history of the world another such period can occur, or indeed any period when such a solid phalanx of strong-minded men and heroic, self-sacrificing women will take possession of a new country. Too careful or too frequent reference cannot be made in the pages of history concerning those who have figured as the founders and builders of a great commonwealth, and in connection with this brief review of the personal history of Mr. Armstrong it is our privilege to touch incidentally and specifically upon interesting data in regard to the sterling pioneer family of which he is a member and which has been identified with the annals of the Buckeye state since an early period in the last century. The subject of this sketch is known as one of the influential and worthy citizens and successful agriculturists of Seneca county, where he has passed practically his entire life.

David C. Armstrong was born in Canaan township, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 2d day of October, 1853, and is a son of Calvin and Mary (McKee) Armstrong, the former of whom was born in Canaan township on June 3, 1826, and the latter in Wooster, Ohio, April 24, 1826. The subject's paternal grandfather, Thomas Armstrong, was born in Northumberland, Pennsylvania, on the 22d of August, 1776. In his youth he came to Ohio, locating in Columbiana county, where he grew to manhood, and, in 1801, married Jane Cook. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and after the surrender of General Hull at Detroit, he was commissioned a captain and won other military honors. After the close of the war he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled on Clear creek, where he lived two years. He then located on what became the Armstrong homestead in the southwestern part of Canaan township. This section of the county was at that time very sparsely settled, there being but three families within a radius of four miles of his cabin. He at once entered upon the herculean task of clearing this land and putting it in shape for cultivation and none but those who have performed this class of work can have any adequate idea of what it really meant. Mr. Armstrong quickly took a front place among the early settlers and long was considered one of the most influential and prominent men in his part of the county. He was the first justice of the peace in Canaan township and officiated at the wedding of the first couple married in the township. At the



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time of his death, which occurred on March 2, 1842, he was the owner of about four hundred acres of land. Mrs. Jane Armstrong died April 14, 1856. They were both members of the Wayne Presbyterian church, which he had materially assisted in erecting in 1840, and his was the first body interred in the graveyard adjoining.

Calvin Armstrong, the subject's father, was married September 5, 1847, and built a fine residence one mile east of his father's home in Canaan township. In 1885 he moved two miles south and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, where he lived until his death, which occurred on April 21, 1901. Mary McKee Armstrong died on June 16, 1909. They were both members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics he was a stanch Republican, and took an active interest in local public affairs, serving efficiently as township trustee. The children born to Calvin and Mary Armstrong were David C., the subject of this sketch; Thomas Albert, born June 10, 1849, who lives in Canaan township; Jane A., who was the wife of W. F. Johnson and died on December 14, 1905; Ina M., the wife of Thomas Fletcher, of Illinois.

David Calvin Armstrong received his education in the district school at Golden Corners and during his vacation periods he devoted his time to assisting his father in the work of the farm. He remained on the farm as assistant until 1885, when his father left the farm to him and moved to another place a mile south, since which time he has devoted his attention to its operation and in which he has been eminently successful. He lives in the commodious and attractive country residence, standing back a distance from the highway and at the end of an avenue of stately maples. His property embraces one hundred and seventy-three acres of as fine land as can be found in Wayne county.

On the 22d of February, 1900, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Alice J. Smith, who was born January 25, 1859, in Lucas county, Ohio, the daughter of James and Elizabeth Smith, of Chester township, this county. James Smith had been a resident for many years near Toledo, Ohio, and in 1859 moved to Chester township, where he spent his remaining years.

NELSON R. COONEY.

There is no positive rule for the achieving of success, and yet in the life of the successful man there are always lessons which might well be followed. The essential conditions of human life are practically ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differing but slightly, and when one man passes

another on the highway of life to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started long before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race. One of the young men of Wayne county, Ohio, who seems to have the happy faculty of grasping situations as they arise is Nelson R. Cooney, who was born in Hardin county, Ohio, November 3, 1874, the son of William H. and Mary E. (Nelson) Cooney, each representatives of old and highly respected families, the genealogy of which shows that his paternal ancestors were Virginians, while that of his maternal ancestors shows that they were among the early inhabitants of Wayne county, his Grandmother Nelson having been born while her parents lived in a settlement where the city of Wooster now stands.

The subject of this sketch was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools during the winter months, working in the fields during crop seasons. He had a natural literary turn and was ambitious to gain a higher education, consequently he entered Ohio Northern University, at Ada, Ohio, the winter of 1902-3, from which he graduated in the law department in 1905, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He not only stood high in his class, but was prominently identified with all the affairs of the college affecting student life in any of its phases. He came out of college well equipped in his profession. After leaving college, he was associated with a law firm in Kenton, Ohio, for a year, at the end of which he became engaged in law editorial work on the editorial staff of the Laning Company, of Norwalk, Ohio, and assisted in the editing of several important treatises on Ohio law; later he was transferred to the sales department, and after a year and a half in the service of the above-named company he obtained a position on the sales force with the Edward Thompson Company, law book publishers, of Northport, Long Island, New York, with whom he remained until the spring of 1908.

About the time Mr. Cooney came of age he became a teacher in the public schools of his native county, which vocation he followed for a period of eight years in a very acceptable manner, his services as such always being in demand. Had he continued in this line of work he would doubtless have become one of the leading educators of his part of the state, but he chose the law and has won a wide reputation as a lawyer throughout the locality of his residence, not only as a man well versed in the law, but his arguments before a jury are always convincing; he has also acquired some note as an orator and is frequently called upon to make public addresses.

In the spring of 1908 Mr. Cooney located in Dalton, and on June 1st

of that year he was married to Lata B. Horbach, a talented and cultured young lady, the daughter of Frank E. and Mary E. Horbach, Mrs. Cooney's father, now deceased, having been a wealthy and successful business man of Dalton. Mrs. Cooney was born November 10, 1882, and aside from the education she acquired in the village schools, she is accomplished along musical and elocutionary lines, having studied in Otterbein and Oberlin colleges.

During the time Mr. Cooney was in college, he was interested in military affairs, he having held a commission as first lieutenant in Company G, Second Regiment Ohio National Guard. He is a member of Dunkirk Lodge, No. 549, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Ada Chapter, No. 138, Royal Arch Masons, and is also a member of Norwalk Lodge, No. 730, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Norwalk, Ohio. Mr. Cooney is a fraternity man, being a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, in which organization he is quite prominent and well known, having held the position of grand president of his fraternity since 1906, as a result of four elections in the grand chapter.

In politics, the subject of this sketch is a Democrat, and has always taken an active interest in local political affairs, and in the fall of 1909 he was elected mayor of Dalton, on the Democratic ticket. Soon after his election, he was appointed to a position in the legal department of the general land office at Washington, D. C., which he accepted and held for several months, only returning to assume the duties of the office to which he had been elected and to execute the trust committed to his care by his constituents and fellow citizens. He takes an abiding interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of his community, and by reason of his public spirit, genuine worth and his courteous demeanor he is held in high esteem by all who know him.

JOHN H. HOUSER.

The life of John H. Houser has been such as to bear aloft the high standard which was long maintained by his father, who was one of the early residents of Wayne county and whose life was signally noble, upright and useful, one over which falls no shadow of wrong in word, thought or deed. Such was the type of men who laid the foundation and aided in the development of this, one of the foremost counties in the Union, and to their memories will ever be paid a tribute of reverence and gratitude by those who have profited by their well directed endeavors and appreciated the lessons of their lives.

John H. Houser was born in Baughman township, this county, where he has always made his home, his birth occurring on May 30, 1875, the son of John H. and Elizabeth (Lang) Houser, the former a native of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, where he first saw the light of day on September 10, 1818. While yet a single man he came to Wayne county, Ohio, since he lived in an epoch when "westward" seemed to be the watchword. He obtained some good land, but farming was somewhat secondary, since he devoted the major part of his time to stock raising, having been a great horseman. He bought and shipped large numbers to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and made most of his money in that way. He was a competent judge of a horse and always had some fine ones about his place. He married, in this county, Elizabeth Lang, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lang, were natives of Germany. After a very industrious, honorable and useful life the father of the subject of this review passed away in February, 1893. To John H. and Elizabeth (Lang) Houser three sons were born, namely: John H., of this review; Aquilla B. and Perry A.

John H. Houser, subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm and he quite naturally chose that line of work for a livelihood and he has succeeded admirably well, being a hard worker and a good manager. While not working on the home place during the days of boyhood he attended the graded schools and the high school at Marshallville, this county, and he received a very serviceable education.

In January, 1897, Mr. Houser was married to Elma E. Kosier. She was born and reared at Dalton, Sugar Creek township, this county, and she attended the Dalton graded schools, receiving a very good education. Her family has long been a prominent one in that vicinity. To Mr. and Mrs. Houser one daughter, named Evelyn, was born in January, 1901.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Houser moved to Marshallville, Ohio, where, for a period of six years, which were very successful, he engaged in buying and shipping hay, then moved back to his farm, to which he has since given his undivided attention. He is the owner of one hundred and sixty-six acres of highly improved land in sections 8 and 9, Baughman township, which is well worth one hundred dollars per acre. He keeps it well stocked with cattle, and, in fact, many varieties of high grade livestock, being, like his father before him, an excellent judge of stock, and no small part of his annual income is derived from this source. Everything about his place shows thrift and prosperity, and he has a modern and beautifully located dwelling and other substantial buildings.

Mr. Houser is always one of the first ones to get the late inventions

and labor saving machinery, was one of the first to have the telephone placed in his home and is the owner of an excellent five-passenger automobile, by means of which he gets a great deal of pleasure. In fact, he and his family have everything that could contribute to their happiness and they are well situated to enjoy life.

In his political relations Mr. Houser is a Republican, being an active worker in the party. Fraternally he is a member of the Maccabees. Mrs. Houser belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. They are pleasant people to know and are held in high esteem by their neighbors and many friends by reason of their hospitality and genuine friendliness.

SAMUEL A. NOLT.

By perseverance, industry and wise economy, the gentleman to whom the biographer now calls the reader's attention has attained a comfortable station in life, and is well and favorably known throughout Baughman and surrounding townships,—in fact, he is one of the leading agriculturists of Wayne county, as a result of the industrious life he has lived here for over a half century.

Samuel A. Nolt was born in Stark county, Ohio, August 27, 1854, the son of Samuel H. and Fannie (Huntsbarger) Nolt, both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the former's birth occurring on April 7, 1830, and the latter on June 7, 1827. The father was a man of many sterling qualities and he became a fairly well-to-do farmer for those days. He reached an advanced age, dying on February 15, 1900, his faithful helpmeet having preceded him to the grave by many years, having died August 6, 1883. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Sarah A., born December 22, 1850; David, January 15, 1852; Samuel A., of this review, was the next in order of birth; John L., September 1, 1856; Jacob H., March 21, 1859; Barbara, November 23, 1861; Benjamin, April 16, 1865; Jacob and David (twins), May 20, 1867. This family came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1854, to Stark county, Ohio, but not being favorably impressed with conditions there came on to Wayne county in the autumn of the same year.

Samuel A. Nolt was reared on his father's farm in Wayne county, which he helped to develop when he became of proper age. He attended the common schools and got a very good education. On November 26, 1878, he

was married to Mary Eicher, who was born February 7, 1855. She came of a good family and received a common school education. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Nolt four children have been born, namely: Ada, born August 24, 1879, is the wife of Vernon Jackson; Clara, born March 14, 1881, is the wife of Carl Zimmerman; Banks, born January 30, 1883, has remained single; Esta, born February 26, 1885, died on December 25th of the same year.

Mr. Nolt has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, with the result that eminent success has attended his efforts, he now being the owner of one of the model farms of Baughman township, consisting of two hundred and ninety-two acres, worth conservatively seventy dollars per acre. He is also the owner of forty acres of good land in Texas. All his land is well improved and carefully managed. He has a modern, commodious and nicely furnished residence which is located in the midst of attractive surroundings. He keeps an excellent grade of various kinds of livestock, he being fond of good horses and cattle. His place shows that a gentleman of good tastes and excellent judgment has its management in hand. He has made his ample competency by hard work and honest investment and speculation.

Mr. Nolt is influential in his community. He takes considerable interest in Republican politics; however, he devotes nearly all his time to his personal affairs. For six years he was one of the trustees of Baughman township. He managed the affairs of this office in such a manner as to gain the hearty approval of all concerned. When he began in this office there was a balance of only eight hundred dollars in the treasury and when his term of office expired there was a sum of seven thousand and two hundred dollars.

Personally Mr. Nolt is a man whom it is a pleasure to meet, jovial, agreeable, hospitable and a well informed man. The Nolt family bears an excellent reputation throughout the county and takes first rank in the citizenship of this favored section of the Buckeye state.

FREDERICK ANTHONY.

Among the vast horde of progressive citizens which the province of Alsace-Lorraine (formerly belonged to France, now a part of Germany) has sent to the United States it is safe to say that none are more deserving of specific mention for what they have accomplished for themselves and their fellow citizens and for the exemplary lives they have lived than the Anthony

family, of whom Frederick, whose name introduces this sketch, is an honored representative. He was born in the country referred to on February 4, 1857, the son of George and Caroline (Young) Anthony. George Anthony was a shoemaker of more than ordinary skill, having learned his trade in the old country. He married there and brought his family to the United States in 1865. They first located at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where they remained for one year, then moved to Lockhaven, that state, remaining there for three years. In 1869 they moved to Loudonville, Ohio, but soon located on a farm in the vicinity of Burton City, Wayne county. After establishing a good home here for his family, George Anthony died in 1892, having become known as one of the leading farmers of his community and a man of exemplary character. He took a great interest in the Lutheran church, of which he was a devoted member. His widow, a woman of kindly and pleasing disposition, is still living, making her home at this writing in Akron, Ohio. They were the parents of the following children: Julia, wife of Levi Wolf, of Akron, Ohio; Lena, wife of Ellsworth Cooper, also of Akron; Caroline is the wife of Will Coonday, living in Akron; Tena, wife of Henry Bigler, of Akron, and Frederick, of this review.

Frederick Anthony was eight years old when he landed in the United States. He found everything strikingly different to what he had been used to in old Alsace and with a boyish eagerness he began imbibing new ideas as to our customs and manners. He attended our common schools, where he learned rapidly and received a fairly good education. While he was attending school he was also learning one of the technical trades, that of shoe-making, under his father, whom he assisted in making the living for the family during his first years in this country. Thus he continued until his marriage, which occurred in 1886 to Lavina Rehm, a daughter of George Rehm, a well known family of Baughman township, whose members are noticed on other pages of this volume. Mrs. Anthony was born February 21, 1864, and received her education in the home schools.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Anthony moved on the old Rehm farm in section 24, Baughman township, it consisting of ninety-five acres. Although the place is an old one, the first settler of Baughman township, a Mr. Baughman, having settled on the same upwards of a century ago, it has been so well managed that the soil has retained much of its original vitality and bounteous harvests are still reaped from its well tilled fields. This township was named after the gentleman just referred to and the farm is known to this day as the Baughman Hill farm, since it covers a large hill. It was here that George Rehm started in life. Mr. Anthony has practically retired from active farming; however, he oversees the planting and harvest-

ing and other general work, and now that the evening of life has begun to advance he finds himself surrounded with plenty on this historic old place, as an evidence of his former years of thrift.

To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony three children have been born, namely: Stella M., born August 9, 1887; Warren F., born November 14, 1888; George R., born May 31, 1896.

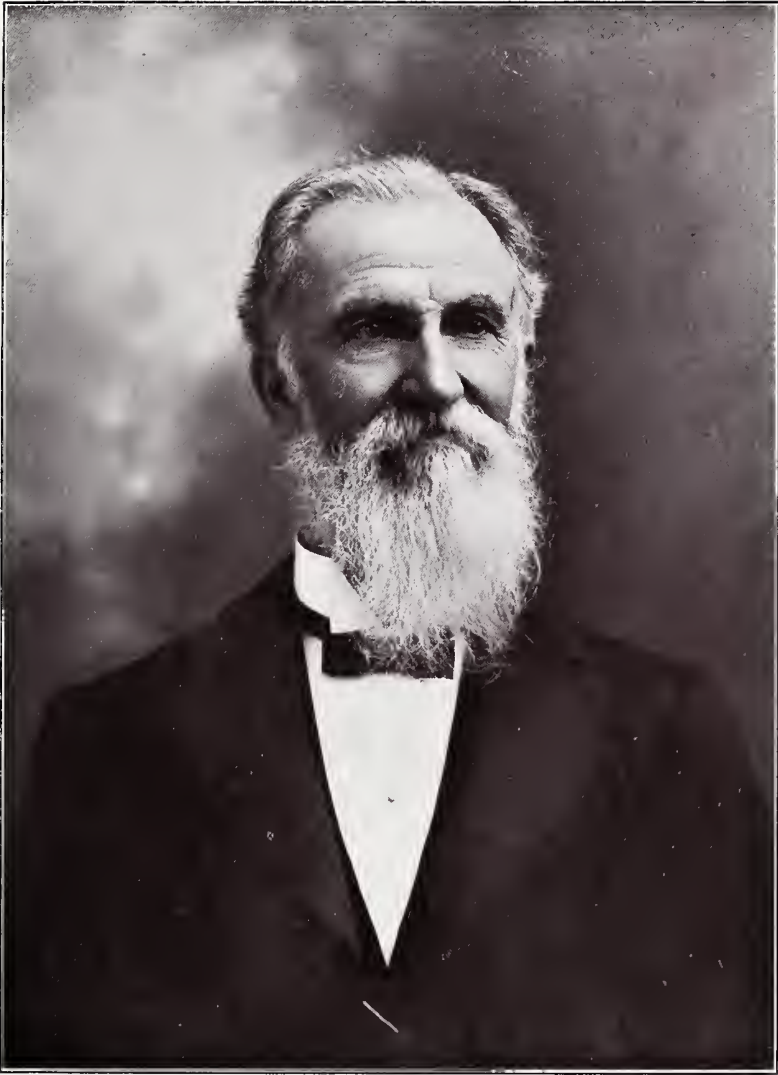
The Anthony family are members of the Lutheran church, Mr. Anthony being one of the deacons of the same, also treasurer of the local congregation. He takes an abiding interest in church work and is practically one of the pillars of the society to which he belongs. He is a member of the board of education of Baughman township. In politics he is a Democrat. Mrs. Anthony is financial secretary of the Ladies' Society of the local church and she, too, takes much interest in church affairs.

SAMUEL WOOD.

Among the prominent and successful citizens of West Salem, Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, the subject of this sketch takes rank. As a business man, agriculturist and citizen in private life, he has so lived and acted as to win the unbounded confidence and the high regard of all who know him and he is eminently deserving of representation in this work.

Samuel Wood was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of January, 1837, and is the son of Samuel and Christina (Brady) Wood, both of whom were also born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, the former on March 6, 1815, and the latter on June 17, 1815. The subject is a descendant of one Edward Wood, a native of England who emigrated to Pennsylvania about one hundred and fifty years ago. He was the son of James Wood, who was a prominent and wealthy banker in England, and it is a noteworthy fact that in nearly every subsequent generation some member of the Wood family has been connected with the banking business. The subject's father, Samuel Wood, was a shoemaker by trade, and in 1842 he left Pennsylvania and settled in West Salem, Ohio, where he bought a farm. In 1855 he moved to Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, where he resided until his death. By his union with Christina Brady he was the father of the following children: Samuel, George, William Henry, Frank, Sarah J., Margaret N., Lydia A., Mary and Emma A.

Samuel Wood secured his education in the district schools of Congress township, this county, and the early schools in West Salem. He had been



Samuel Wood

brought to this state when he was five years old, and at that time there were but five houses in the town of West Salem. Mr. Wood remained at and near West Salem until he was eighteen years of age, and during the latter three years of this time he was engaged in assisting his father on the home farm. At the age of seventeen years he began teaching school at the Beech Grove schoolhouse and the next year he moved to Princeton, Illinois. There he taught two terms of school, followed by two terms back in Ohio, and then three terms in Benton county, Iowa. Other terms were taught in Illinois, making a total of eleven terms in that state. During the following five years he served as postmaster at Dysart, Iowa, resigning at the end of that time in order to become associated with a bank there. In 1888 he moved back to Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, and purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres, which he proceeded to improve and cultivate. Several times during the next few years he returned to Iowa to help in the bank there temporarily. In 1902 Mr. Wood established a bank in West Salem, which he has since developed into one of the foremost business institutions in the town. Mr. Wood bought and fitted up a building on the east side of Main street and the bank is now comfortably and conveniently quartered there. The bank has proved an important factor in the advancement of the business interests of the town and its institution here has been fully appreciated by the business men of the town and farmers of the community. In 1902 Mr. Wood purchased a splendid residence property on North Main street and has here a very comfortable and attractive home.

In politics Mr. Wood is a stanch Republican, but does not take an active part in political matters. He is not a member of any religious denomination and makes no profession of religion, but he is a firm believer in the great truths of the Scriptures and is the teacher of the largest Bible class in West Salem. Socially he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons at West Salem, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Good Templars in Iowa. During the Civil war he was a member of the Union League, in connection with which he passed through a number of exciting experiences.

On the 14th of November, 1866, Mr. Wood wedded Elizabeth Bucher, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and the daughter of Henry Bucher, also a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler of Wayne county, Ohio. They have become the parents of three children, namely: Otto H., of near Seattle, Washington; Lillian Belle, at home, and Frank R., who is a clerk in a shoe store at West Salem. In all the relations of life Mr. Wood has proved true to every trust and now can feel assured of the sincere respect and esteem of all who know him.

D. B. KECK.

Early in life D. B. Keck realized the fact that success never smiles upon the idler or dreamer and he has accordingly heeded such an aphorism, devoting his life to ardent toil along lines that cannot but insure success. The prosperity which he enjoys has been the result of energy rightly applied and has been won by commendable qualities. He is a native of Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio, where his birth occurred January 14, 1845, the son of David and Sarah (Benger) Keck, the former having been born in Columbiana county, this state, in 1817. He came to Wayne county about 1844, locating in Chippewa township, where he lived the remainder of his life. He received a meager schooling in the old-time log school houses and early took up farming, which he made a success, being a hard worker and delighting in denuding the virgin soil of the primeval forest. He reached an advanced age, his death occurring in 1895, his faithful life companion having preceded him to the silent land in 1894. They were well known and highly respected citizens of Chippewa township. Seven children were born to them, namely: Catherine, wife of Jacob Namman; Eunice, wife of N. R. Gensemer; Ephraim, who married Elizabeth Sichley, was a soldier in the Civil war; D. B., of this review, was next in order of birth; Harriet is the wife of David Van Kirk; Mary is the wife of Amos Steel; Ezra married a Miss Damel. These children all received every advantage possible at the hands of their solicitous parents.

D. B. Keck was reared in this county, receiving his education here; his opportunities along this line were not the best, but he made the most of his time and was enabled to begin teaching. All his brothers and sisters were also teachers, and this family became widely known as educators.

D. B. Keck was married on November 21, 1872, to Amy Franks, daughter of James Franks, an old and prominent family of this county, where she was born, the date of her birth being October 14, 1849. She, too, attended the local schools, receiving a good education. She taught ten terms very acceptably, her services in this line of work being in great demand, for she had the happy faculty of pleasing both pupil and patron.

To Mr. and Mrs. Keck one daughter, Edith, was born December 25, 1876. She graduated from the local high school at Marshallville, after which she took a philosophical course in the Wooster University, where she made a splendid record for scholarship, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. She took up teaching in the graded schools, which she followed with uniform success for some time. She married William Galehouse and

they are the parents of two children, namely: Daniel LeRoy, born April 19, 1906, and Florence I., born September 4, 1908.

Mr. Keck has for a number of years given his attention to his fine farm, near Marshallville, Baughman township, which he has always maintained at a high standard of excellence, and he enjoys an excellent reputation as a progressive and successful agriculturist.

In his political relations, Mr. Keck is a Republican and he has long taken considerable interest in the affairs of his party. He served very ably and conscientiously for a period of twelve years as one of the township trustees of Baughman township. He is a member of the Evangelical church and one of the trustees of the same, taking an active interest in its affairs, and, in fact, in whatever has for its object the betterment of his township and county in any way. He is well known throughout the county and is judiciously guarding the good reputation of the Keck family which has ranked with the leading and most honorable in Wayne county since the days of the first settlement.

H. A. SCHOLLENBERGER, M. D.

The qualities that have made Dr. H. A. Schollenberger eminent in his chosen profession are proper intellectual training, thorough professional knowledge and the utilization of the various attributes essential to success, and he stands today in the front rank of physicians in a community noted for its high order of medical talent. He is an American by adoption only, having been born in Germany on August 5, 1862, and when a child he was brought to the United States by his parents, John Franklin and Elizabeth W. (Gilbert) Schollenberger, who came to Ohio and located in Wayne county on a farm, subsequently becoming known as progressive agriculturists. Here young Schollenberger grew to manhood amid the wholesome outdoor environments that contributed to a healthy body and mind. When he became of proper age he began working on the home place, attending the district schools during the winter months, receiving a good common school education. Very early his predilection to become a physician manifested itself and he accordingly entered the medical department of the Wooster University, later attending the Medical College of Cincinnati, also Columbus and Cleveland and was finally graduated from the medical department of the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1892, after making a very creditable record in all the above named institutions. He also holds other di-

plomas, thus being exceptionally well trained for his work. He first located at Homerville, Ohio, where he remained five years, building up a good practice from the first; later he established an office at Danville and in time moved to Buckeye City, both in Knox county, successfully practicing in that county for over six years. It was in 1902 that he located in Smithville, Greene township, Wayne county, and he has since remained here, having built up a wonderful practice in the meantime and gaining a reputation as an able and conscientious physician second to none in the county. His practice covers a wide field and he is kept very busy attending to his numerous patients in this and adjoining townships, and even to remote parts of the county. He purchased a modern, beautifully located and nicely furnished home in Smithville. He is official examiner for a number of life insurance companies, and he is a member of the Wayne County Medical Society and the State Society of Medicine. Fraternally he is a member of West Salem Lodge, No. 398, Free and Accepted Masons, and also belongs to the Woodmen and Macca-bees, carrying insurance in each. Politically, he has departed from his rearing as a Republican and votes with the Democrats; however, he does not take a very active interest in local political matters, not having the time to do so. Religiously he belongs to the Disciple church at Danville, Knox county.

Doctor Schollenberger was married in 1887 to Sarah J. Hutchinson, who was born in this county April 7, 1860, the daughter of an old and influential family. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Charles E. J., a graduate of the local high school, and is now a student in the chemical department of the Wooster University; Hazel L. was born May 5, 1893; Rose X., born October 28, 1899; Zola E., who is deceased, was born in 1890.

Doctor Schollenberger's family is regarded as leaders in all circles in this locality and they are the recipients of the friendship and esteem due people of their worth and honorable standing.

CHARLES J. KOLLERT.

Back to stanch old German stock does Mr. Kollert trace his lineage, and that in his character abide those sterling qualities which have ever marked the true type of the German nation, is manifest when we come to consider the more salient points in his life history, which has been marked by consecutive industry and invincible spirit, eventuating most naturally in securing



MRS. KATE KOLLERT



CHAS. J. KOLLERT

him a high position in the respect and confidence of his fellow men. In an analysis of his character we find the qualities of an upright manhood—loyalty in citizenship, reliability in business, conscientiousness in the discharge of the duties of private life—and these are so combined as to make his a strong personality, commanding respect and confidence.

Charles J. Kollert was born on the 28th day of August, 1880, near Loudonville, Holmes county, Ohio, and is the son of Robert and Catherine (Heil) Kollert, both of whom were natives of the German empire, the former born near Leipzig and the latter at Grosenstadt. Robert Kollert entered the German army when he was about eighteen years of age and served his full period. He served throughout the bloody Franco-Prussian war, securing for himself a most honorable record and was shot twice, once in the wrist and once in the back, between the shoulder blades, while a third bullet lodged in his coat pocket. When a young man of about twenty-three years of age he came to the United States and took up government land near Birmingham, Alabama. The same land, which at that time could be bought cheaply, is now very valuable. Subsequently Mr. Kollert sold his southern home and came to Loudonville, Ohio, where for two or three years he worked by the month. When about thirty years old he married and soon afterwards bought a farm a short distance west of Wooster, Ohio. In 1891 he disposed of this property and purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty-two and a half acres in Canaan township, where he lived until his death and which is the present home of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Kollert met with an untimely death on the 23d of May, 1904, when he was struck and instantly killed by lightning in his barn in Canaan township, the barn being destroyed by the fire which ensued. He was widely and favorably known in this county and in his death the community suffered a distinct loss. He was a Democrat in politics, and took a commendable interest in local public affairs, though he never held public office of any nature. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and were faithful and consistent in their lives. A man of many sterling qualities of character, he made friends of all who enjoyed his acquaintance and his memory remains as a priceless heritage to his family. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Charles J., the subject of this sketch; Fred, living in Congress township; Mrs. Mary Steltzer, of Ashland county, and Mrs. Ida Oswald, of Canaan township.

Charles J. Kollert was reared under the parental roof and early became accustomed to the duties pertaining to agricultural life. His educational opportunities were somewhat abbreviated because of the necessity of his con-

stant help on the farm, but his lack of school-room education has been made up during his subsequent life by much reading and habits of close observation, and today he is considered a well-informed man. He remained his father's assistant until the latter's death, since which time he has devoted himself to the operation of the farm and the care of his widowed mother, to whom he gives the most careful and solicitous attention. He possesses a thorough knowledge of agriculture in all its details and keeps in close touch with the most advanced ideas relating to the science of agriculture, so that he has been enabled to realize handsome returns for the labor he has bestowed. He is maintaining the place at the same high standard of excellence set by his father and is considered one of the enterprising and progressive young farmers of the township. He is a man of splendid qualifications and has a host of warm personal friends.

On the 26th of February, 1905, Charles J. Kollert was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Laura Briner, a native of Chester township, Wayne county, and this union has been a most happy and congenial one, being blessed in the birth of four children, namely: Theresa, Catherine, May and Robert. These children comprise a bright and interesting family and the comfortable and attractive home is the center of a refined hospitality which is ever in evidence. In matters political Mr. Kollert gives his support to the Democratic party, and he takes a live and commendable interest in the success of the ticket, though he is not an aspirant for office or public preferment of any nature.

Mrs. Catherine Kollert, who makes her home with the subject, is a woman of splendid attainments and holds a warm place in the hearts of all who know her.

ELMER U. BURKHOLDER.

The emigrant ancestor of the family of this name was John Burkholder, a native of Bern, Switzerland, who, when only a boy, was seized with the wanderlust spirit, like so many of his contemporaries, and accordingly made his way across the broad Atlantic to the New World. Believing that greater opportunities awaited him in the then far West, he came to Ohio, locating in Wayne county, and, being a thrifty lad, he got possession of a farm which he redeemed from the wilderness and lived on the same the rest of his life, making a good living and leaving a competence to his descendants. His death occurred in Smithville, Greene township, in 1875. He and his faith-

ful helpmeet were the parents of four children, namely: Jonathan S., Jonas K., Nancy and Sarah; the only one living in 1909 is Nancy, the widow of Enos Hartzler, of the state of Kansas.

Jonas K., father of Elmer U. Burkholder, was reared upon the home farm in Greene township, which he assisted in developing. He married Nancy Smucker and they went to farming, Mr. Burkholder becoming one of the leading farmers of his community and he was regarded as a man of excellent personal traits and was influential in local affairs. He is now sleeping the sleep of the just, his death occurring in 1892. His widow is still living. They were the parents of nine children, of whom one died in infancy and another when fifteen years of age. The others are Emma, David, Malinda, Lydia, Anna, Amanda, and Elmer U.

Elmer U. Burkholder was born in Greene township, Wayne county, June 12, 1873, and he was reared upon the home farm which he helped improve, attending the district schools during the winter months, later going to school at Wadsworth. He received a good education, having applied himself very closely to his text-books, and he taught several terms very acceptably in Wayne county, and he was gaining a wide reputation as an educator when his father died, which event rendered his return to the home farm a necessity, consequently he abandoned teaching and resumed farming, which he continued very successfully for a period of ten years.

Mr. Burkholder was married, in November, 1897, to Amanda Wenger, a woman of talent and refinement and the representative of an excellent family. This union has resulted in the birth of five children, namely: Raymond, born February 16, 1900; Mabel, born September 2, 1901; Forest, born April 16, 1903; Eva, born October 13, 1905; Vergil, born January 11, 1909.

Mr. Burkholder is an all-round business man, exercising wise discrimination and sound judgment in all his affairs. His attention is now devoted almost exclusively to banking, since he is at this writing cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank at Smithville, Wayne county, and he is discharging the duties of the same in an able and satisfactory manner to all concerned, his careful methods and his courteous demeanor towards the patrons of the bank having done much in establishing its prestige throughout the community. This rapidly growing and sound institution was opened for business on August 6, 1906. Mr. Burkholder was at once chosen cashier, for when the organizers began to cast about for someone worthy of this responsible position, none more available could be found than Mr. Burkholder, and the successful manner in which he has looked after the same

would indicate that they were not misled in their estimate of the man they selected. This is a private bank of four stockholders, namely: Wesley H. Zaugg, president; E. W. Thompson, Charles M. Gray, Christian Tschantz.

In his political relations, Mr. Burkholder is a Democrat, though in the midst of his many pressing duties he does not find much time to devote to his party's affairs. Religiously, he is a member of the Mennonite church. He has always borne a reputation such as those established by his father and grandfather—exemplary in every respect.

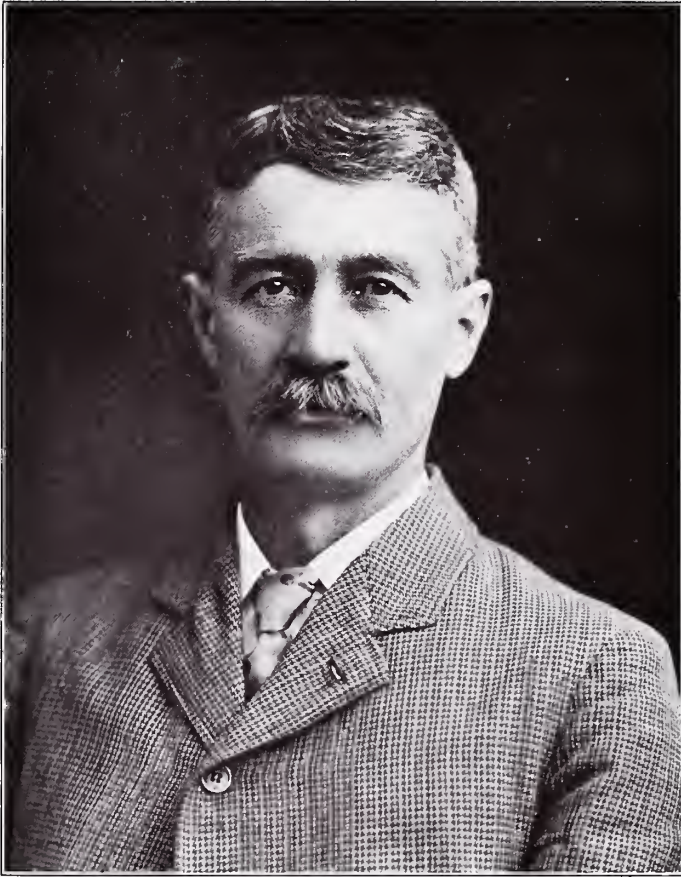
MARTIN LAWRENCE.

It is a rare privilege and should be duly appreciated, as indeed it is in the present instance, to be able to reside throughout life on the place where we were born, for there are tender memories and associations about the old home that nothing can take the place of. Martin Lawrence was born on the place he now owns in Chester township, Wayne county, January 28, 1859, the son of George and Julia Ann (Yetter) Lawrence. His paternal grandparents, Christian and Magdalena (Etley) Lawrence, were natives of Middletown, Pennsylvania, and as early as 1818 they came to Wayne county, Ohio, locating about three miles west of Wooster on the farm now owned by Doctor Ryall. They lived there for many years, but finally moved to Chester township, where Christian Lawrence spent his last days on his son's farm, which is now owned by the subject. He had taken up government land for each of his children. When he came here he found an undeveloped country, but one that abounded in great opportunities to the strong of heart and courageous. The maternal grandparents of the subject, Philip and Elizabeth Yetter, were natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio very early, first settling in Holmes, later in Richland county, finally coming to Wayne county where they became owners of a good home, spending the remainder of their lives here; however, the death of Philip Yetter occurred in Michigan, and that of his wife in Wayne county.

George Lawrence, father of Martin Lawrence, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1820, and his wife, Julia Ann Yetter, was born here in 1820. They grew to maturity in their respective communities and married here, taking up farming soon afterward, living and dying on the farm now owned by their son, Martin, of this review, the death of the father occurring in 1888 and that of the mother in 1892. Ten children were born to them, six of whom



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are living in 1910. George Lawrence took a prominent part in church affairs, first in the Lutheran, later the Reformed church.

Martin Lawrence was educated in the common schools of Chester township, working on the home farm during the summer months. When he reached maturity he left the school room and devoted his attention exclusively to farming on the old homestead, finally buying out the heirs to the one hundred and thirty-three acres. Prospering by reason of close application to his work and good management, he was enabled to add eighty acres more to the place in 1909, which now makes him the possessor of one of the choice farms of the community. He carries on general farming and stock raising very successfully and keeps his place in excellent condition in every respect.

Mr. Lawrence was married on July 29, 1886, to Sarah Ellen Eyman, a native of Wayne county and the daughter of Henry B. and Nancy Eyman, old settlers in Wayne county and highly respected citizens. To the subject and wife two sons have been born, namely: Emmet A. and James S., both assisting their father in carrying on the farm work.

In politics Mr. Lawrence is a Democrat and he served very acceptably for three years as trustee of Chester township, also serving as a member of the board of education.

REV. A. K. FELTON.

An able and popular minister of the gospel is the Rev. A. K. Felton, who, for many years, has performed a grand service among the people whom he has elected to serve, burying the friends who pass over the mystic river, marrying the young, beginning life's more serious walks, and in many ways assisting in ameliorating the condition of the public at large, and his character has been from his youth unblemished by shadow of wrong, nothing esoteric in its entire course, so that the community regards him as one of its most valuable citizens. He is a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, having first seen the light of day there on January 17, 1848, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Karns) Felton, people of sterling worth and representatives of excellent old pioneer families of the Keystone state. The Rev. Felton was reared on a farm in his native community, receiving a somewhat limited education in the neighboring schools, which he attended during the winter months, devoting his time to the crops the balance of the year. However, he was an ambitious lad and he prepared himself for the great mission he

has elected to perform, by extensive private study. He entered the freshman year in Gettysburg College, having been enabled to pass the preparatory grades by reason of his private study. He made a splendid record in this institution, graduating from the same in 1871 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Having felt for some time that he was one of the chosen to spread the Gospel of the Nazarene, he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and there he became well grounded in theology, and in 1874 was ordained to preach in New York City. His first charge was at Glen Gardiner, New Jersey. He later took work in western Kansas, and did a great amount of good in establishing the Gospel in that far western country; but in time he returned to central Pennsylvania where he spent the major part of his time in the ministry in various charges. It was in 1894 that he came to Ohio. He located in Smithville, Wayne county, in 1903, and as in his former charges, he built up the church wonderfully, adding many new members and winning his way into the affections of his congregation and the general public as well, for he is not only a forceful pulpit orator and exceptionally well advised in Scriptural teachings, but his daily walk among his fellow men is such as to inspire admiration and confidence.

Reverend Felton was married at Orangeville, Illinois, in 1877, to Amanda Derr, the wedding occurring on July 1. She was a woman of talent, refinement and a zealous Christian worker. Her family belongs to one of the old and highly honored ones of Union county, Pennsylvania, though her home was at Orangeville at the time of her marriage. She has become the mother of four interesting children, named as follows: Susie E., born April 3, 1878, a graduate of Wooster University with the class of 1909, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, and she is at this writing principal of the schools at Plymouth, Ohio. She also received a careful primary education, graduating from the local high school. Elizabeth M. is the wife of Prof. A. H. Schroy. Edna L., born in 1882, is single and living at home. Lloyd D., is a student in Wooster University.

These children have all been given every possible chance to become educated and useful, and the wholesome home environment in which they were reared is clearly reflected in their daily lives.

In his political relations, the Reverend Felton is a loyal Prohibitionist and he loses no opportunity to strike a blow at that gangrenous blight on our body politic—the rum traffic. This excellent family stands deservedly high among the representative citizens of Wayne county.

E. E. GILBERT.

In studying the life history of E. E. Gilbert, one of the successful and progressive business men of Wayne county, the biographer finds that he has attained his present position through his own indomitable ability, having received no help from wealthy relatives. Consequently he is deserving of the honorable standing which is his today in this locality. He was born in Wayne county, December 11, 1863, the son of E. H. and Mary (Miller) Gilbert, the former a native of Portage county, Ohio, having been born in 1827. He spent his youth in that state and received a meager education in the primitive schools of those days. In 1847, when twenty years of age, he was married to Mary Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, their wedding occurring after they had come to Ohio, she having accompanied her parents here when a child. E. H. Gilbert was a tailor by trade, and located in Smithville, this county, where he established a tailor shop that was well patronized. For many years he was postmaster of Smithville during the Civil war and during Grant's administration. Later in life he engaged in the carriage manufacturing business with his sons; this grew to large proportions, but a disastrous fire somewhat crippled the business. However, Mr. Gilbert was considered one of the prosperous men of his day in this locality, and was influential and highly respected for his integrity.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gilbert the following children were born: U. E., M. H., A. H., E. E., Emma, wife of Hershel Bowman; Huldah, wife of George A. Clapper, of Wooster, Ohio.

E. E. Gilbert was reared in Smithville, this county, where he received a good common school education. His father having been engaged in the lumber business at one time, the son decided to make this line of business his life work, consequently he received careful instruction in all the "ins and outs" of the same from a very competent instructor, for his father was an extraordinary man of affairs and mastered whatever line of business he turned his attention to. Having liked the lumber business and made a success of the same from the first, E. E. Gilbert has devoted his subsequent life to this special line, being at present one of the best known lumber dealers in the county and enjoying a very extensive patronage. Besides extensive and well-filled yards with all grades of lumber, he has a modern and well-managed saw-mill, and this is always a very busy place at all times, the quality of lumber handled by Mr. Gilbert being always reliable, and the honest dealing he has done here since the very first of his career has won the confidence of everyone. He owns two and one-half acres of valuable

land where his mill is located. He is an extensive buyer of timber, which he saws, and then ships the lumber, always finding a ready market for his products. In connection, he operates a planing-mill, and carries a full line of pine lumber and kindred lines. He owns a beautiful, modern and attractive home in Smithville, the presiding spirit of which is a woman of culture and refinement, to whom Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage in 1889. She was known in her maidenhood as Maude Taylor, a native of Medina county, this state. She received a good education, having studied at Westfield, passing through the high school there. This union has resulted in the birth of four children, namely: Don E., who completed the course in the Smithville public schools and is now a student in Wooster University; Julia, Gale and Taylor. These children are receiving every care and advantage possible, and they give promise of happy and successful futures.

In politics Mr. Gilbert is a Democrat, but he is not an aspirant for positions of public trust, preferring to devote his time to his large business interests; however, any movement looking toward the betterment of his locality in any way finds in him a ready advocate.

REV. CHRISTIAN Z. YODER.

A man who has accomplished much for the amelioration of his fellows in Wayne county is the Rev. Christian Z. Yoder, who has labored long and ardently, often with disregard for his own welfare, if he could thereby make some one better, happier; his influence, like that of his honored father before him, has always been uplifting and hundreds of people have been made better for having known him. He is also a tiller of the soil, owning one of the nicest fruit farms in Greene township. His father, the Rev. John K. Yoder, long a noted Amish Mennonite minister, represented a family who lived in the United States prior to the war of the Revolution. His grandfather was brought to America by his parents when quite young, he being the oldest of the family, and to aid his parents by paying for his passage to the New World he was bound out to a farmer in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in which community he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. He married Magdalena Yoder (no relation) and they later moved to Mifflin county, that state, where Mr. Yoder lived until his death. His wife survived him many years, and when she died she had numerous descendants. She and her husband were the parents of eight children, five daughters and three sons. John K. Yoder was the son of John Yoder, who

was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, in 1786 and died in 1855. He married Mary King, who was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, but she was reared in Mifflin county, that state. She was born in 1790 and died in 1886, having lived nearly a century. John Yoder, the father of John K. Yoder, was a member of the Amish Mennonite church, and was regarded by all who knew him as a very honest, upright man. His children were Jacob, Magdalena, Christian, John K. The last named was born January 21, 1824. He was reared on a farm and he naturally selected farming for his life work. He married upon reaching manhood and lived on a farm until 1855, when he moved from his native state to Ohio.

On May 5, 1850, while still in Pennsylvania, Mr. Yoder was selected as a minister in the Mennonite church, which he served faithfully for many years. So great was his fidelity to his church that in October, 1859, he was selected by ballot as bishop in this church, which high honor was most worthily bestowed according to those who knew the man, for he was both able and very conscientious in his duties to his congregation. He was married to Lydia Zook in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, on January 9, 1845. She was born March 18, 1827, and her death occurred September 20, 1887. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother and a good Christian. To the Rev. John K. Yoder and wife three children were born, namely: Christian Z., Mary Z. and David Z.

Rev. Christian Z. Yoder was born November 28, 1845. He received his early mental training in the home schools, and when he reached maturity he married Lydia Smiley, a native of Elkhart county, Indiana, the date of her birth having been December 5, 1846, and she came to Wayne county, Ohio, with her parents in 1867. She was educated in the common schools and reared on a farm. To this union nine children have been born, eight living beyond infancy.

In April, 1869, Mr. and Mrs. Yoder moved on the farm where they now reside, having made their home here continuously since their marriage. The place consists of one hundred and fifteen acres, all under fine improvements, and it is managed in such a manner as to gain the best results. No finer land can be found in Wayne county than that owned by Mr. Yoder, and no more commodious, beautifully designed or more nicely furnished residence is to be found in the rural districts of this county than that of Mr. Yoder. Everything about his place shows that a gentleman of excellent tastes and sound judgment has its management in hand. He raises a large quantity of fruit, for which he always finds a ready market. He also has a splendid

greenhouse, which he has seen develop from a small business to one of large magnitude, one of the most extensive, in fact, in Wayne county.

In 1870 the first Sunday school of the Amish Mennonite church was organized in Wayne county, and Mr. Yoder had the distinction to be chosen as its superintendent, and he succeeded in building up a large Sunday school, serving continuously in the capacity of superintendent until 1904. On October 14, 1890, he was ordained a deacon of the church, and on October 22, 1904, he was ordained as minister in the Amish Mennonite church, into which he was baptized and received in 1865. He is a worthy son of a worthy sire, the mantle of his noble father, who died August 1, 1906, having fallen upon his shoulders and which he is wearing most becomingly, doing an amount of good in his community,—a leader, in fact, in church work and all movements for the general good. He is an earnest speaker, always holding his audiences in rapt attention, being a noted evangelist. He is vice-president of the Mennonite board of missions and charities, being the moving spirit of the same.

To the Rev. Christian Z. Yoder and wife the following children have been born: John S., February 5, 1870, married Sarah Hartzler; David A., April 3, 1872, married Josephine Lutz, of Medina county, Ohio; Rufus M., September 7, 1874, married Bertha Albrecht; Menno S., January 5, 1878, married ——— Fetzer, of Smithville, Ohio; Ora C., March 21, 1880, is a graduate of the Rush Medical College of Chicago, having completed the course there very creditably in 1909; Mary E., October 26, 1882, is a teacher in the common schools, and was a student at Goshen, Indiana; Joseph D., January 14, 1886, is also a teacher, having graduated from the college at Goshen, Indiana; Ira D., August 9, 1888, has also taught school. They are all well educated and show in their daily lives the wholesome home environment in which they were reared.

JACOB F. REHM.

In such men as Jacob F. Rehm there is peculiar satisfaction in offering their life histories as justification for the compilation of works of this character—not that their lives have been such as to gain them particularly wide notoriety or the admiring plaudits of men, but that they have been true to the trusts reposed in them, have shown such attributes of character as entitle them to the regard of all. Mr. Rehm was born in Baughman township, Wayne county, Ohio, May 19, 1872, the son of George and Mary (Sickman) Rehm. George Rehm was born in Franklin county, Pennsyl-

vania, in October, 1839, and there he remained until 1845, when his parents moved to Baughman township, Wayne county, Ohio, where they settled on a farm, and there they remained the balance of their lives, becoming known as among the best farmers of that community. The long journey from Pennsylvania was made in an old-fashioned covered wagon and the party comprised seven persons. George Rehm grew to manhood here and became one of the leading farmers in the eastern part of Wayne county and he was a man whom everybody liked. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, three of whom died in infancy; eight are living, namely: John W.; Lavina, wife of Fred Anthony; Sarah, wife of Henry Fisher; George W., of Baughman township, is living on the old home farm; Alice is the wife of Henry Mackey; Jacob F., of this review; Kate is the wife of Charles Shenk; A. J. lives in Burton City, this county.

Jacob F. Rehm was reared in Baughman township where he worked on his father's farm during his boyhood days, attending the district schools during the winter months. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, managing the place and taking care of his mother, his father being dead. He was always a hard worker and a good manager and he made a success of the farming operations which he carried on.

In 1896 Mr. Rehm was married to Erma Bear, who was born in Baughman township February 14, 1874. They lived on the old Rehm homestead for a period of seven years, then moved on the old Sickman farm, which Mr. Rehm now owns. It contains ninety-three acres of good land, the crops having been so rotated that the original fertility of the soil has been retained. It is well improved and general farming and stock raising are successfully carried on. Mr. Rehm is one of the leading stock buyers of the eastern end of the county, being on the road a great deal of the time, but he oversees his farm in the meantime, having a nice annual income from both sources by reason of his able management.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rehm three children have been born, namely: Lester, October 27, 1897; Lillian, April 20, 1900; Robert, September 6, 1907.

Mr. Rehm is a member of the German Lutheran church, and fraternally he is a member of Cedar Lodge, No. 430, Free and Accepted Masons. He takes considerable interest in Democratic politics. He has been rewarded for his interest in the progress of local affairs by being placed in the office of justice of the peace of Baughman township, now serving his third year in a manner that has won favorable comment from all concerned, irrespective of party alliance. He performs all duties pertaining to the office, legal proceedings, marriages, and whatever else comes to his office. He is genial and obliging.

ANDREW A. FAIR.

The Fair family is of German origin and ever since the first representative of the same came to the United States each member has made a record for thrift and integrity, establishing a good home and performing whatever service he could to his fellow man, thereby becoming a valued citizen of our great body politic. One of the best known members of this large family is A. A. Fair, of Chester township, Wayne county, Ohio, whose birth occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on December 8, 1830, the son of John and Mary (Hagey) Fair. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth Fair, natives of Germany who came to America in a very early day and located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they remained for awhile, then came on west to Wayne county, Ohio, where they spent their last days on a farm in Chester township. Jacob Fair proved his loyalty to his adopted country by fighting in one of our early wars. His son, John Fair, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, in which county his wife, Mary Hagey, also first saw the light of day. They married in their native community and in about 1832 came to Wayne county, Ohio, and became identified with the early civilization here. John Fair was a cooper by trade, which he followed successfully until his death. He made a trip to Huron county, Ohio, but not finding conditions there equal to those in Wayne county, he returned here, and, in connection with his trade, managed a farm. He took an active part in the affairs of the Albright church, and he and his wife were the parents of seven children, of which number A. A., of this sketch, and William, of Wooster, this county, are the only survivors. The death of John Fair occurred in 1885, he having been preceded to the grave by his wife in 1880.

A. A. Fair was educated in the Jefferson common schools, and very early in life learned the cooper's trade, which he followed for about fifteen years. He also learned the wagonmaker's trade, becoming skilled in both and always finding remunerative employment. He took up farming and in the spring of 1863 bought a farm of eighty-six acres in Chester township, some of which he cleared and improved, erecting new buildings, including a fine residence, and otherwise making his place one of the most attractive in the community. He has carried on general farming and stockraising very successfully; however, for the past seven years he has lived practically retired.

Mr. Fair was married to Mary Painter, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and the daughter of John Painter, an early settler, having come here from



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Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; this was his first marriage, which was solemnized in 1854. To this union six children were born, namely: Alice, wife of Jack Jones; Mary, wife of Willis Long; William; Ida, wife of Frank Wilson, living in Missouri; Effie, wife of Willis Fast; Harvey is deceased. A. A. Fair's second marriage was to Eliza Summers, a native of Michigan and the daughter of Adam Summers, whose home was in Michigan. No children were born to this union. Both wives are deceased.

Politically Mr. Fair is a Republican but he has never aspired to any public office. The Methodist Episcopal church holds his membership.

JOHN C. SCHULTZ.

Holding distinctive prestige among the leading business men of northern Ohio and standing out clear and distinct as one of the public-spirited citizens of Wayne county, John C. Schultz has achieved an honorable record as an enterprising, self-made man, who from a modest beginning and by his own undivided efforts has worked his way to a position of affluence and influence in the commercial world. His life has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable methods which he has ever pursued have gained for him the unbounded confidence and esteem of his fellow men and a permanent place among those to whose energy, sound judgment and superior foresight the city of Wooster is so largely indebted for its advancement and importance as a prosperous business center.

Mr. Schultz is a native of Ohio and a representative of one of the old and highly respected families of Wayne county. As the name implies, he is of German blood, and he traces his ancestry through many generations in the Fatherland where his antecedents from time immemorial appear to have lived. Nicholas Schultz, his father, was born in Germany, but at the age of eighteen came to the United States, and, making his way direct to Wayne county, Ohio, settled in East Union township, where he worked for a number of years at blacksmithing, later purchasing a farm, which he cultivated in connection with his trade until about 1884. He served as trustee of his township, besides filling various other local offices, took a leading part in public matters and by industry and frugality succeeded in acquiring a competency which he is now enjoying in a life of honorable retirement, after reaching the advanced age of eighty years, sixty-two of which have been spent in the township of East Union. On discontinuing

active labor he took up his residence in the village of Apple Creek, where he lived until the death of his wife, since which time he has made his home with his daughter in the town of Kenmore, where he is now spending the evening of his life, being one of the few remaining links connecting the present with the pioneer period.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Nicholas Schultz bore the maiden name of Katherine Schaefer. She, too, was a native of Germany and came to America when young, making the voyage alone and locating in Wayne county about the time of Mr. Schultz's arrival. She met her future husband in East Union township, where in due season their marriage was solemnized, and there she spent the remainder of her days, dying on June 11, 1908, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Nicholas and Katherine Schultz reared a family of six children, namely: Sarah, who married George W. Liner, of East Union township, and died when thirty-eight years old; George, a dry goods merchant of Massillon, Ohio; Adam, a blacksmith and dealer in buggies, carriages, etc., at Apple Creek; John C., of this review; Anna, who died at the age of thirty, and Ola, wife of Harvey Lautenschlager, of Kenmore, Ohio. The mother of these children was a pious woman, a member of the German Reformed church and a woman of many excellent qualities of head and heart. Mr. Schultz is also connected with that religious body, and has ever tried to live a life void of offense toward God and man. He platted the Apple Creek cemetery while trustee of East Union township, and always manifested an abiding interest in the advancement of the township of which he was a pioneer settler and which he has seen grow from its primitive condition to one of the best-improved and most prosperous parts of Wayne county.

John C. Schultz was born September 18, 1861, on the family homestead in the township of East Union and spent his early life amid the active duties of the farm. Reared to habits of industry and frugality, he grew up strong and rugged and while still a mere youth became familiar with the labor in wood and field, and in almost any kind of manual employment could keep pace with the ordinary work-hand. In due time he entered the district school, which he attended at intervals until finishing the usual branches, the training thus received being afterwards supplemented by a course in Smithville Academy, where, under the efficient instruction of Prof. J. B. Eberly, a teacher of high repute, he made commendable progress in the higher branches of learning. Quitting that institution while still in his teens, he turned his attention to teaching and was engaged in that profession until attaining his majority when, in March, 1883, he accepted a clerkship

with the hardware firm of Kinney & Cooley of Wooster, which he held during the eight years ensuing. At the expiration of that time he became a member of the firm, and in 1891 the stock was moved to the building on the south side of West Liberty street, where the business has since been conducted under the firm name of the Wooster Hardware Company.

Purchasing a third interest in the enterprise, Mr. Schultz addressed himself to the task of building up the business, in which he succeeded most admirably. Increasing the stock from time to time, it was not long until the establishment was the largest and most successful of the kind in the city. In 1905 Mr. Cooley turned his interest over to his son Albert and Mr. Kinney sold out to Walker G. Christy and they turned over a small interest to Albert S. Sauer after buying out Albert Cooley. In addition to a large and complete stock of all kinds of hardware, the firm also handles agricultural implements and machinery, and lead all competition in the various lines of goods represented in their immense establishment. The two buildings in Wooster, which contain thirty-five thousand square feet of floor space, comprise one of the largest and most complete hardware stores in northern Ohio, and in connection therewith the company operates a branch establishment at Orrville, which also has a growing patronage. Everything in the hardware line demanded by the trade is handled by the firm, and while catering especially to their retail business, which has steadily increased in volume and importance, they also command a lucrative wholesale trade which has added much to the reputation of the house throughout the state.

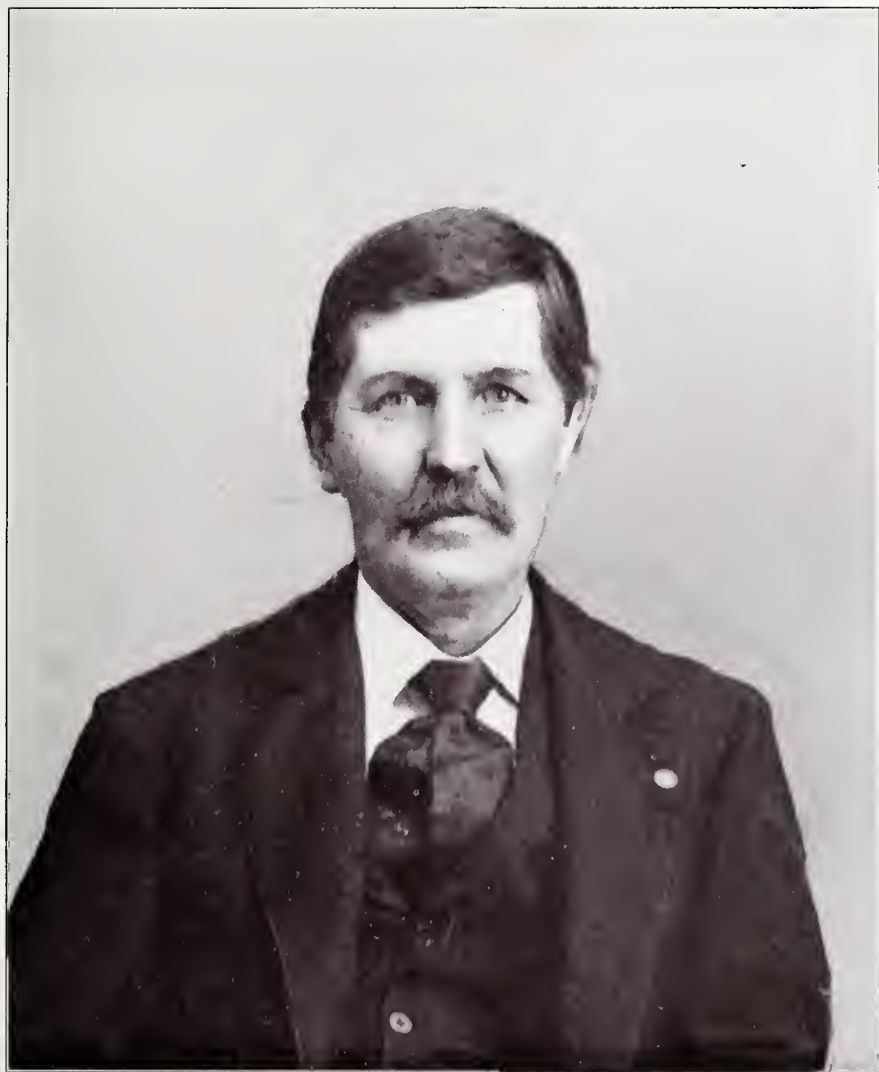
Aside from his large hardware interest, Mr. Schultz is identified with various other important business enterprises, notable among which is the Wooster Machine Company, a corporation doing a general manufacturing and repair business and of which he is president. For several years he has been a director of the People's Building and Loan Association, and as a member and first vice-president of the Wooster Board of Trade he has done much to promote the material advancement of the city and give it publicity as an important business center and safe place for the investment of capital. He is now chairman of the new industry committee of the board and for a period of seven years was a member of the city board of education, during the greater part of which time he served as president, and it was while holding that office that the handsome school buildings on Beall and Walnut avenues were erected. The various benevolent and humanitarian movements of the city have found in him a warm friend and liberal patron, and as one of the trustees of the Children's Home, which position he has held for several years, he has done much to arouse and keep alive an interest in that commendable enterprise.

Mr. Schultz on May 8, 1884, was united in the bonds of wedlock with Sarah Johnson, who was born and reared in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, being the daughter of Isaiah Johnson, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of that part of the state. This marriage has been blessed with two sons, Clarence, born in 1886, and Wallace, whose birth occurred in the year 1895, the former being traveling salesman for the Oliver Chilled Plow Company of South Bend, and is now running the branch at Orrville; the latter is pursuing his studies in the schools of his native city.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Schultz holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in politics votes the Democratic ticket, but is not an active partisan. With his wife, he belongs to the English Reformed church and for twenty years has been a deacon and elder of the local congregation with which he is identified, also an active worker in the Sunday school, which he served nine years as superintendent. Mr. Schultz occupies a prominent place among the most enterprising and successful business men and public-spirited citizens of Wayne county and in every walk of life he is recognized as a courteous, high-minded gentleman of perfect integrity and genuine moral worth. He has acted well his part in life, and while primarily interested in his own affairs he has not been unmindful of the interests of others, as his efforts to advance the public good and promote the welfare of his fellow men abundantly attest.

GEORGE JACKSON.

A worthy and substantial representative of the British Isles is George Jackson, who, like most of our "cousins across the pond," has proven to be a citizen of the highest type since casting his lot among us, and has been loyal to our institutions, never neglecting his duties to his neighbors, while advancing his own interests. He was born in Lancashire, England, May 9, 1844, the son of James and Martha (Argraves) Jackson, who became well-known citizens of that county. The paternal grandparents of George Jackson were John and Sarah Jackson, who lived and died in England, Mr. Jackson having been a foreman in the cotton mills of Manchester. The maternal grandparents were also natives of England, where they spent their lives. James Jackson was born in England, March 3, 1822. He married Martha Argraves, a native of his own country. They married there and in



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1850 came to America, and making their way westward, they located in Doylestown, Wayne county, Ohio. James Jackson was a locomotive engineer in England, but he was employed as machinist in this country, working many years in the reaper and mower works in Doylestown. He and his son, George, also engaged in the livery business for some time here. He lived a quiet and retired life, giving his attention very largely to his own work. He and his wife were the parents of five children, all dying in infancy except George, of this review, who was the oldest; three of the children were born and died before the family came to America. The death of James Jackson occurred in 1904 and that of Mrs. Jackson over a half century earlier, in 1851.

George Jackson was educated in the common schools and learned the millwright's trade when young in years, having hardly finished his apprenticeship at the outbreak of the Rebellion, which caused the cessation of that line of work, so young Jackson went to Wooster and entered a machine shop where he remained one year. When the Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteers was being raised, he tried to enlist, but was not permitted to do so, but in August, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Volunteer Infantry, and served in the same until November, 1865. Just after the siege of Vicksburg he had typhoid fever; he participated in the following battles: Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Thompson's Hill (Mississippi), siege of Vicksburg, Big Black River, Jackson (Mississippi). He was on the transport "City Belle" when it was fired and was in the campaign that resulted in the surrender of Mobile. After the war he returned to Doylestown and worked in the machine shops for a number of years. He entered the hotel business, which he conducted successfully for a period of thirteen years. For the past twenty years he has been agent for the American Express Company, first, then the United States Express Company. He was postmaster under Harrison's administration, and on August 6, 1897, he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley and has held the position ever since, proving to be one of the best officials the office has ever known and his services have been highly satisfactory to all concerned—in fact, he is a man who makes a success of whatever he undertakes. Politically he is a Republican, and he very ably served the people of Doylestown as mayor for one term, having been the first Republican mayor of the town. In public or private life he has shown himself to be a man of rare soundness of judgment and always discharged his duties in a faithful and conscientious manner. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also of Wadsworth Lodge, No. 385, Free and Accepted Masons. Mrs. Jackson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Jackson was married on November 8, 1866, to Anna M. Galehouse, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, the daughter of Samuel and Dorothy Galehouse, old settlers and a highly respected family here. To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson the following children have been born: William H., Millie, Martha, James S., Dollie (died at the age of eight and one-half years), Della and Florence.

HON. THOMAS W. ORR.

Prominent in the professional life of Wooster, pre-eminently distinguished for his splendid ability in carrying to completion important public enterprises and enjoying marked prestige in many things, aside from his pronounced legal talents, far beyond the limits of the community honored by his citizenship, Hon. Thomas W. Orr stands out a clear and conspicuous figure among the successful men of a part of the great Buckeye state noted throughout the commonwealth for its high order of intelligence and business and professional talent. Characterized by breadth of wisdom and strong individuality, his achievements but represent the utilization of innate talents in directing efforts along lines in which mature judgment, rare discrimination and a resourcefulness that hesitates at no opposing circumstances, pave the way and ultimately lead to great achievements. It is not the intention of the biographer in this connection to give a detailed history of his busy, influential and interesting life, but rather to note, incidentally, his connection with various phases of the development of Wayne county and his long and worthy practice of the law and to show the marked influence he has wielded in advancing the material interests of this locality by his strict adherence to the Golden Rule and his desire to promote the general good.

Hon. Thomas W. Orr is of Scotch-Irish and German ancestry and was born February 18, 1861, in Salt Creek township, Wayne county. He is the son of John and Agnes (Lisle) Orr, the latter the daughter of Robert Lisle, the mother dying when Thomas W. Orr was nine years of age. From the age of thirteen he was compelled to fight his own battles of life. His father was very solicitous regarding the future welfare of his son, but did not have the necessary means to assist him, and in such a school of discipline, hard and regrettable, he learned the enduring lessons of fortitude and courage that have stood him so well in hand in later life. He worked on the farm during the summer months in order to obtain means, and he attended the common schools during the winter months. He was ambitious to "leave

his footprints on the sands of time," and consequently was a persistent student. He attended the high school at Fredericksburg, also the Smithville Academy, and finally took a course in the Normal Academy at Ada, Ohio. When nineteen years of age he had obtained a sufficient education to enable him to begin teaching, which he did, alternating the same with going to school until he had finished the course. He taught in Wayne, Salt and Sugar Creek townships, and for a time was principal of the schools at Sterling. The last year of his school work was spent in North Dakota, as principal of the St. Thomas schools, in Pembina county, Red River valley. He won an excellent reputation as an educator and his services were in great demand, and had he continued in this profession he would doubtless have become one of the noted educators of the state. But he had long desired to win a name at the legal profession, and when he returned from the West he entered the law office of Messrs. Critchfield & Critchfield, in Wooster, and there completed his elementary studies of the law, which had been undertaken some years previous, he having devoted some of his spare moments to a perusal of Blackstone prior to his going to North Dakota. In March, 1895, he was admitted to the Ohio bar, and in the spring of that year he opened an office in Orrville, Wayne county, and for a number of years was actively and successfully engaged in the practice of law at that place until elected to the office of judge of the probate court, which brought about his removal to Wooster, where he has devoted his energies to the duties of that office. While living in Orrville he was a member of and clerk of the board of education of the town for six years, and for a period of five years he was employed as solicitor of it, performing the duties of each with a characteristic fidelity that has marked all his public and professional acts, stamping him as a man of unquestioned ability and integrity.

Mr. Orr was married, in 1890, to Emma J. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Smith, of Paint township, the representative of an old and highly honored family there. This union has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Maynard S. (deceased), Lucil, Walter S., Ruth and Paul S.

At an early age Mr. Orr was thrown upon his own resources and the undeveloped forces within him, and was compelled to work, act, think and depend upon himself. His circumstances made it essential that he should conquer and this could only be done by labor, study, resolute and heroic action. He obeyed the commands of industry from the beginning, and his persevering methods, fixing his energies on a steady, unalterable and honorable purpose—that of attaining success in his profession, and dignifying it by observing the canons of morality, honesty and integrity, by which it can

only be exalted. As a result of his training, his application, his industry and the fiber of his mind he is necessarily logical, never aiming at brilliancy or aspiring to be ornate; always lucid in his style of expression, and yet not infrequently skirting the Olympus of eloquence and exhaling the perfumes of rhetoric. His exemplary habits, his probity of character and pleasant social manners have won for him the undivided respect of all with whom he has come into contact and he is certainly deserving of the high esteem which all accord him, considering his early struggles and final triumphs.

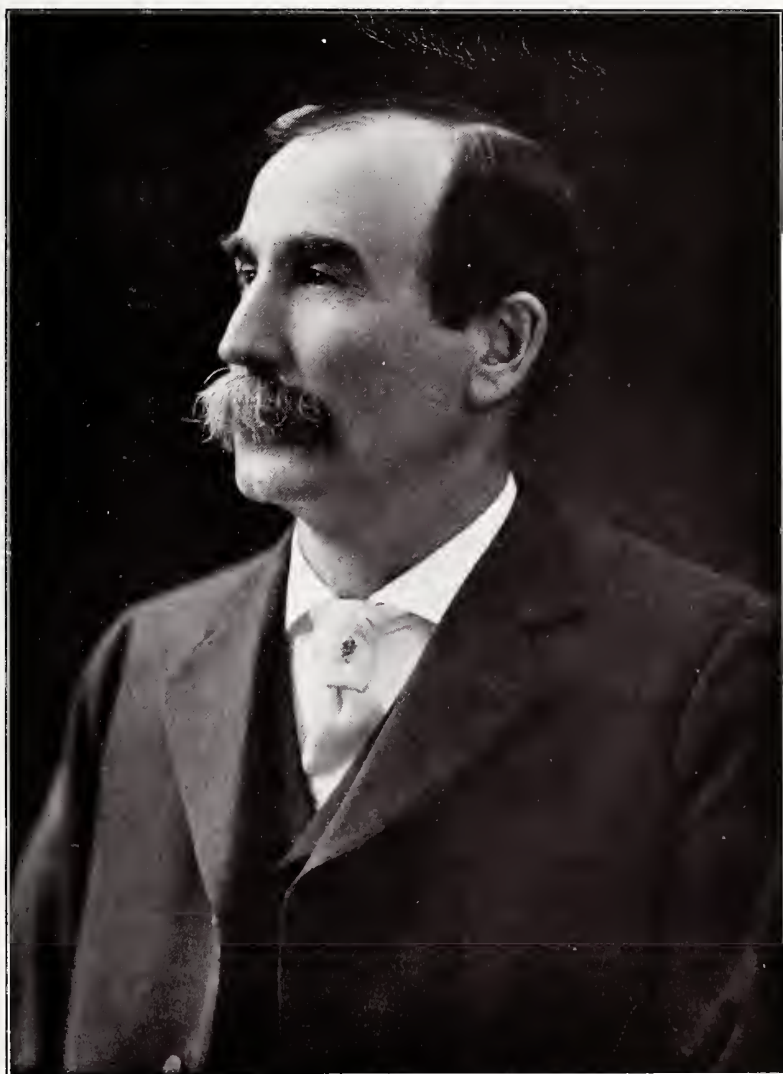
Fraternally, Judge Orr is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

WILLIAM F. KEAN.

The career of William F. Kean at the Wayne county bar has been emphasized by persistent industry, strict attention to business, unswerving integrity, the closest application and study, and a degree of care, prudence and promptitude in the disposition of responsibilities intrusted to him, worthy of imitation. Punctuality he observes as a professional maxim. With him, appointments once made become debts. He always aims to do things at their right time. When engagements are made, he does not want to be waited for, or wait. And thus, it is punctuality by which men testify their personal respect for those whom they are called upon to meet in affairs of business. This and other commendable qualities have formed the key-note to his success.

Mr. Kean was born in Plain township, Wayne county, February 9, 1855. He is the son of a farmer, Dewitt C. Kean, now a resident of Wooster, but formerly of Plain township, where he lived and prospered as an agriculturist for a period of over sixty years. In his early years he was a teacher, his equipment having been very good, indeed, for those days, being thorough and painstaking. He enjoyed the highest respect of the people in the southwestern portion of the county where he was so well known and where he did such effectual work. He was always regarded as a man of unshrinking integrity, strict honesty, technical in his definitions of morality and unbending in his fidelity to them. His life was a busy and useful one and he owned a beautiful home in Plain township and had one of the model farms there, which he managed in a most masterly manner, yielding him rich results.

William F. Kean grew up on the home farm, which he worked when he became of proper age, attending the neighboring schools during the winter



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months. He later studied at the Smithville Academy, also went to school at Shreve and later entered the University of Wooster, graduating from that institution with the class of 1881, having made a splendid record there. He early decided to devote his talents to the legal profession and accordingly studied law in the office of McClure & Smyser, and, having made rapid strides in the same, he was admitted to the bar in June, 1886, and soon thereafter opened an office in Wooster. He soon had an excellent patronage, which has increased with the advance of years until he has long since been numbered among the most worthy of the local bar, always busy in the local courts, his name having been connected with the trial of most of the important cases here for at least two decades, and the manner in which he conducts a trial wins for him the approval of client, his fellow colleagues and the trial judge, to say nothing of his influence over a jury. Mr. Kean has served as referee in bankruptcy for twelve years in the counties of Wayne and Holmes, his administration having been most acceptable to litigants as well as attorneys.

Politically Mr. Kean is a strong Republican and religiously he holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal church. As a church member he has been most liberal in his support, giving much time, thought as well as money to the furtherance of the kingdom of Christ and for five years was the efficient superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sabbath school of Wooster. By his observance of fundamental rules of business based upon honesty, rectitude, and fidelity to trusts and confidences reposed in him, he has won the public esteem, achieved professional success and fixed his star in the ascendant. As a practicing lawyer, he is courteous and cordial in his friendships, cautious, temperate, ambitious, zealous, consistent, moral and circumspect in all the affairs of life.

Mr. Kean was married October 24, 1883, to Alice A. Smith, daughter of Daniel and Roseana Smith, of near Hayesville, Ashland county, Ohio, who was engaged in the milling business. Her mother died in 1889 and her father now lives in Akron, Ohio, being retired. Mr. and Mrs. Kean have had five children, three dying in infancy; those living are: Clara Estella, born January 26, 1889, is now a junior at Ohio Wesleyan University; Frances Gertrude, born June 25, 1895, is attending high school at Wooster.

EMANUEL H. WENGER.

A man who has contributed largely to the material welfare of the community and township where he resides and who has shown himself to be one of the strong, sturdy characters that constitute the high order of

citizenship for which Wayne county is noted is Emanuel H. Wenger, who was born in Sugar Creek township, March 3, 1856, the son of Emanuel E. and Martha (Hess) Wenger, both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the former having been born there on June 13, 1828. In 1853 he married Martha Hess, daughter of Christian and Barbara Hess, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. She was born March 15, 1833. She came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1853 and her death occurred April 12, 1878. She married Mr. Wenger in 1853.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel E. Wenger seven children were born, namely: Benjamin H., born December 9, 1854; Emanuel H., of this review, was next in order of birth; C. H., of Clinton, Ohio, was born November 5, 1857; M. H. was born February 25, 1860; Henry H. was born November 23, 1861; Amos H., of Massillon, Ohio, was born August 22, 1866, and David H. was born March 22, 1864. (See his sketch on another page of this work.)

The parents of these children were members of the Mennonite church and persons of excellent standing in their community; the father passed to his rest on July 4, 1900, after a long and useful life.

Emanuel H. Wenger was reared in Sugar Creek township and when he arrived at the proper age he worked on the home farm during the summer months and attended the district schools during the winter, receiving a good common school education. He left the farm when he was twenty years old. Turning his attention to merchandising, he began clerking in a general store in 1876 in Burton City. He later purchased the store and remained in business there for four years, then he was employed as shipping clerk and weighmaster for the Fox Lake Coal Company, of Cleveland, for a period of fourteen years, during which time he was regarded by this company as one of their most trusted employes. He then severed his connection with the above named concern and took a position with the White Oak Coal Company as secretary and paymaster, remaining with them for three years, giving his usual faithful services. He had saved his money and was enabled to gratify a desire of long standing by moving onto a farm and leading the freer life of a husbandman. He has since remained on the farm and has made a great success, now owning two of the best farms in Baughman township, consisting of one hundred and eighty acres. They are well improved and have been so skillfully managed that the soil has retained its original fertility, bounteous harvests being reaped from the fields annually, by reason of Mr. Wenger's able management. He has an excellent residence and is well fixed to enjoy life. He keeps various kinds of good stock and is an admirer of good horses.

Mr. Wenger was married in 1880 to Alice Rudy, who was born October

5, 1858, the daughter of Daniel Rudy, a prominent citizen of this part of Wayne county. This union has resulted in the birth of four sons, namely: Clarence R., born February 17, 1882, is farming; Ivan H., born April 12, 1885, is cost clerk for the Brown-Hoisting Company of Cleveland, Ohio; he was educated at Canal Fulton, this state; Justice F., a farmer, was born July 27, 1887; Daniel O. was born July 27, 1891, and is a student in the Orrville high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wenger are members of the United Presbyterian church at Dalton, this county. In politics Mr. Wenger is a Republican, being an active worker in the party. He has very ably served both as treasurer and clerk of Baughman township. He is regarded by all who know him as a hustler, a man who takes a delight in the progress of his community, and while looking after his own interests he does not neglect his duty to his neighbors, but is generous, obliging and always trustworthy, according to those who know him best.

TILLMAN O. BECHTEL.

When the Bechtel family left their comfortable homes in the state of Pennsylvania and came to the then new country of Wayne county, Ohio, they found conditions quite different from those they left behind, but they were men of courage, inured to hard toil and could stand privations unflinchingly, if need be; they liked the prospect here, the far-stretching woods and the fresh, strong soil, so they set to work with a will and soon had better homes than they left. However, it took much work and they had to do without many of the conveniences they formerly enjoyed. One of the best known of the present generation of this family is Tillman O. Bechtel, who was born in Pennsylvania on May 21, 1841. He is the son of Jacob B. and Elizabeth (Ridenour) Bechtel, both natives of Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of the subject were George and Elizabeth (Barton) Bechtel, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, in an early day and settled in Wooster township, remaining there until their deaths. Grandfather Betchel was a successful farmer, having cleared and developed the land he purchased here. The maternal grandparents of the subject were George and Elizabeth Ridenour, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. George Ridenour re-married and moved to Seneca county, Ohio, where she died. Her second husband, Joseph Stever, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Jacob B. Bechtel, father of Tillman O., was reared in Pennsylvania where he received his schooling. In 1842 he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled in Wooster township where he managed a sawmill, one of the largest in the township, becoming widely known as a mill man, being one of the earliest of the township, and he continued in this line until his health failed. His death occurred on the place where he first settled, having lived there continuously. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Bechtel fourteen children were born, eleven of whom grew to maturity. Jacob Bechtel lived a quiet life; politically he was Whig and later a Republican. He was a member of the German Reformed church and was a good and upright man.

Tillman O. Bechtel likes to tell of his trip to this county from his old Pennsylvania home, which was made in a covered wagon, the trip being somewhat arduous owing to the rough roads and unbridged streams. He was then only a boy and he received his education in the common schools of Wooster township, where the family settled when they arrived in Wayne county. He began working on the home place when very young and he has always followed farming. He is now the owner of sixty-one acres of good land in Plain township. He came to this vicinity in 1874 and bought the farm he now owns about 1894.

Tillman O. Bechtel was one of the loyal sons of the North who served in the defense of the national integrity in the early sixties, having been a member of Company F, One Hundred and Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a period of three years. In the same company and regiment also served I. J. and W. D. Bechtel for three years, and George H. Bechtel for more than one year. They all took part in the various engagements in which the regiment was involved.

After the war Tillman O. Bechtel returned home and took up farming and has since led a quiet life, devoting his attention exclusively to his farm.

Mr. Bechtel was married in 1869 to Magdalena Lawrence, daughter of George Lawrence, the son of Christian Lawrence, whose sketch appears in another part of this work. The subject and wife are the parents of the following children: J. W., living in Iowa; W. D., living in Los Angeles, California; E. L., living in Akron, Ohio; Nellie married George Keets, of Plain township; J. A.; Elizabeth married Zeno Miller, living in Chester township; Eva Rebecca, who married Irvin O. Stair, died in April, 1909.

Religiously, Mr. Bechtel is a member of the Reformed church, and his fraternal affiliation is with the Grand Army of the Republic.

JOSEPH H. RITTENHOUSE.

It is with no little degree of gratification to be able to point to an ancestry of the honorable and progressive type of those of J. H. Rittenhouse, for they were of that class of pioneers who took a delight in developing new countries and paving the way for subsequent civilization and progress. J. H. Rittenhouse was born in Plain township March 30, 1856, the son of Samuel and Mary (Stair) Rittenhouse, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter born in Germany. The paternal grandparents of the subject were Jesse and Catherine (Metz) Rittenhouse, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, in an early day and settled in Plain township, buying one hundred and sixty acres, which they cleared, developed and lived on the rest of their lives, both Mr. Rittenhouse and his wife being buried there. The father of J. H. Rittenhouse was born on that place and he died there, having followed farming throughout his life. He was a Republican and a German Baptist. He was rather quiet, avoiding public display. His family consisted of seven sons and two daughters. The maternal grandparents of J. H. Rittenhouse, of this review, were John and Christenia (Mosier) Stair, who were both born and reared in Germany, marrying in that country. She died there, after which event John Stair married again. In 1834 the family settled in Plain township, buying about eighty acres of land in timber, but they cleared the same and John Stair lived there until his death.

To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rittenhouse, parents of the subject, the following children were born: John, Jesse, Mathias, William (died in childhood), Joseph H., Samuel M., Daniel, Mary, Sarah and George.

J. H. Rittenhouse was educated in school No. 2, Plain township, which he alternated with farming, remaining on the home place until he was eighteen years of age, after which he spent fifteen years in Indiana, working in the timber. He delighted in the free life of the woods and in their midst grew to a sturdy manhood. He returned to Plain township, near Jefferson, and for seven years followed farming, two years of which time were spent on the home place. Although he was making a success of farming, he saw a good opening for a general store at Jefferson and he accordingly launched in the mercantile business, in which he has been engaged ever since continuously at that place, having built up quite an extensive and satisfactory patronage with the surrounding country, always carrying a new and carefully selected stock and his prices are never above what they should be, according to his customers.

Mr. Rittenhouse was married in 1882 to Esther Lemon, and the fol-

lowing children have been born to them: Ray and Roy (twins), the latter dying in infancy, Ray now being at Creston, this county; he married Blanch Holenstein, and they are the parents of two children, George and Mary. Mabel Rittenhouse married Ora Johnson, of Wooster, and they have one child, Mildred.

J. H. Rittenhouse has been twice married, his last wife being Melinda Swartz, whom he espoused in 1891, and three children have been born to this union, Sylvia, Mary and Charles.

Mr. Rittenhouse is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and politically he is a Republican. He has long taken considerable interest in local political affairs, and he very creditably served as clerk of Plain township for a period of two years, being elected to a second term in 1909.

ROBERT WHORTON.

Born of rugged Canadian stock and he himself a native of that northern country, Robert Whorton, a well known farmer of Plain township, Wayne county, is an example of that type of men who win success in life because they persevere in whatever they have in hand until the goal has been reached, regardless of obstacles that may beset their course. He was born in 1837, the son of Robert and Eliza Whorton. The subject came to the United States in the spring of 1865 and located in Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio, and for many years after coming here he followed the carpenter's trade, which he learned in his native country. In 1870 he was married to Harriet Lawrence, since which time he has devoted his attention to farming, owning at this writing an excellent place of eighty-five acres in Plain township, which yields him a very comfortable living. He and his wife are the parents of the following children: Ira, who married Dora Metcalf, and they are the parents of these children, John Robert, Clarence, Herman and Forest; Dallas Whorton married Carrie Anderson and they are the parents of these children, Vida Eliza, Dorothy, Erma and Harriet.

Daniel Lawrence, the father of Mrs. Whorton, was born three miles west of Wooster, in 1824, the son of Christian and Magdalena (Etley) Lawrence, the latter the daughter of Philip Etley, who came to this country from Germany when a young man and settled in Middletown, Pennsylvania. Christian Lawrence was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1780. He

was the son of John Lawrence, who lived in Middletown until his death. In that town Christian Lawrence practiced his trade of blacksmith for a period of thirty-three years. He was drafted for service in the United States army in 1812, but the war closed before he saw any service. In 1836 he drove a five-horse team from Pennsylvania to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled on a farm of one hundred and eighty acres, three miles west of Wooster, clearing much of the place. He became the owner of seven hundred and eighty acres in Wayne county, all through his thrift and excellent management, becoming one of the leading agriculturists and citizens of his locality. Until within a short time of his death he lived on his original one hundred and eighty acres. In the early days his buildings came near being destroyed by a forest fire, but, by hard work, he and his sons kept the fire from destroying their home.

Daniel Lawrence was educated in the home schools and for thirty years he was a veterinary surgeon, spending about ten years of that time in this exclusive practice; however, his farming usually took precedence of his veterinary work. In 1847 he bought forty acres where he now lives, adjoining the eighty acres which his father had given him, and he has since been located on the farm in Plain township, having cleared over fifty acres of the place. He was married in 1844 to Rebecca Wagner, who came to this county from Pennsylvania when eighteen years of age, accompanied by her uncle, who settled west of Jefferson, she walking nearly the entire distance from the old home in Pennsylvania. To Daniel Lawrence and wife nine children were born, namely: Harriet, wife of Robert Whorton, subject of this review; Mary Ann, Eli, Samuel, Rebecca, Amanda, Curtis, Effie and Isaac. Mary Ann married Ira B. Hale, a Baptist minister in Colorado. They have five children. Eli, who is the father of five children, has been married twice, first to Abbie Quick, then to Ellen Carson. Eli was a professor in a college in Texas and died in that state. Samuel, who lives in Indiana, married Malissa Obenaur. Rebecca married Henry Filger, who died about fifteen years ago, and she now lives in Plain township; she is the mother of three children. Amanda married Asa Tyler, of Ashland, and they have a daughter.

The following children were reared by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lawrence, in addition to their own family: Jesse Dockardy, John Wagner, Rachel Wagner, Howard Lawrence, Charles Lawrence and Ollie Lawrence.

Daniel Lawrence is a Democrat, and religiously he supports the Methodist Episcopal church; however, he was formerly a Lutheran. Both the Lawrence and Whorton families are among the most highly respected and influential in Plain township.

WILLIAM A. LEWIS.

Although a young man, William A. Lewis has succeeded in leaving the imprint of his personality upon the people of Chester township, Wayne county, and at an age when most men are just getting started in their life work, he finds himself the possessor of valuable property and occupying a position in the business and social life of the community that should be the source of gratification to anyone. He was born on the old Beninger farm, where he now lives, north of New Pittsburg, November 30, 1880, the son of John and Malinda S. (Emery) Lewis, the latter born on the same farm as the subject, while the father's birth occurred in the state of Pennsylvania; but when a young man he left the place of his nativity and came to Wayne county, Ohio, and, for a short time, made his home here. The subject's maternal grandparents were David and Mary (Beninger) Emery, Mrs. Mary Beninger having been born in Pennsylvania in 1832 and she came from that state with her parents, Peter and Frances (Barkley) Beninger. On April 19, 1836, Peter Beninger bought eighty acres of land of David Countryman where William A. Lewis now lives. The original farm has been added to until it now consists of one hundred and twenty-nine acres. Peter Beninger and his family made the toilsome overland trip to this county in an old-fashioned covered wagon. They occupied the log buildings that were on the place at the time of their coming, and they cleared the major part of the land, transforming it into an excellent farm. In this old home are to be found today many articles brought from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, when the family first came over, among them being two old guns, a churn (still in use), the top of the covered wagon, also the hubs. The subject and his aged mother carefully preserve these old relics of a bygone day. David Emery, the grandfather of the subject, enlisted as a "Squirrel Hunter" during the Civil war. Peter Beninger and wife lived on the old farm the remainder of their lives, as did also David Emery and wife. David Emery was born in Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio, April 6, 1827, and died September 30, 1893; he was married April 8, 1855. By trade he was a carpenter, also an extensive farmer and thresher. Peter Beninger was a shoemaker by trade. Mrs. Lewis is the only child of David Emery.

William A. Lewis, of this review, is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis. He received a good education in his native community, and he is a general machinist and electrician and is regarded as one of the most skillful in his line in the county. At present he is the representative of the Fairbanks-Morse Company, gasoline engines. He also does repair work on automobiles, electric bells, gasoline engines, bicycles, etc. Besides his



WILLIAM A. LEWIS, MOTHER, GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER

many duties in this line, he also superintends the work on the old farm, and has a very comfortable income from the two sources. Politically he is a Democrat; however, his father always voted the Republican ticket. David Emery was a Democrat, while Peter Beninger was a Republican and a Lutheran, as was also his wife.

JAMES GARFIELD SHELLEY.

While the gentleman whose names introduces this sketch may not have the capacity of a statesman or a general, he has some of the characteristics that make for success, like the distinguished American for whom he was named, for, although yet a young man, he has achieved a standing in the business world, at an age when most men are merely starting on what we are pleased to call "the battle of life." He was born in Plain township, Wayne county, July 23, 1881, the son of Christian and Sarah (Wiler) Shelly, the latter a native of Wooster township and the former born in Plain township. Sarah Wiler is a sister of W. H. Wiler, whose sketch appears on another page of this work, where the ancestry of James G. Shelly is fully dealt with, consequently it will not be repeated here.

James G. Shelly was educated in the Union Hall School No. 3, Plain township. He first followed farming with his father and remained on the home place in section 13, Plain township, until December, 1906, when he located on one of his father's farms in section 15, Plain township, where he has since resided. He is the owner of one of the best and most highly cultivated farms in the township, consisting of two hundred and forty-four acres, including one hundred acres in a quarter section of Plain township, section 24, which his great-grandfather Shelly entered, cleared and lived on the remainder of his life. Mr. Shelly carries on general farming and stock raising in a manner that shows him to be a man of excellent tastes and sound judgment. He has a beautifully located dwelling and substantial barns, everything about the place showing thrift and good management.

Mr. Shelly was married on April 12, 1905, to Ida N. Stuckey, daughter of Christian Stuckey, a well known and influential resident of Richland county, Ohio. To the subject and wife one interesting child has been born, named James Leroy.

Fraternally Mr. Shelly is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and in politics he is a Republican, and while he does not find time to take a leading part in political matters, he is interested in the general progress of his community and does what he can to that end.

A. S. ALEXANDER.

Although the early life of the gentleman whose life record is briefly touched upon in the following paragraphs was one of hard toil, his industry has been well rewarded and he finds himself after a half century spent in his native locality in comparative ease as a result of his good management and former years of industry.

A. S. Alexander was born in Plain township, Wayne county, in 1859, the son of Samuel K. Alexander. He was educated in the home schools, which he attended during the winter months, working on the farm during the crop seasons. He entered Wooster University and passed through the preparatory department, making an excellent record for scholarship. After leaving school he turned his attention to farming, and, believing that opportunities existed for him in Kansas, he spent thirteen years there farming and stock raising, making a success of both and becoming well established. But tiring of the Sunflower state and having an opportunity to get possession of the home farm in Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio, he returned here in 1898 and has followed general farming ever since, improving the old farm and managing it in such a manner as to reap rich rewards for his painstaking efforts. He always keeps some good livestock of excellent quality; however, the major part of his attention is given to his farming operations.

Mr. Alexander was married in 1887 to Ida Soliday, a native of Plain township and the daughter of an old and highly honored family, Mr. and Mrs. John Soliday, natives of Plain township. To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander one child, a son, Ralph, was born; he is a bright lad, now a student in the high school at Wooster, where he is making a splendid record.

Mr. Alexander is independent in his political beliefs, preferring to vote for the man whom he deems best fitted for positions of public trust rather than vote for the party.

WILLIAM M. GILL.

All honor should be accorded the brave "boys in blue" who, when the ominous clouds of rebellion gathered over our national horizon, sacrificed the pleasures of home, business opportunities and all that makes life happy and went forth "to do and die," if need be, on the fields of carnage in the south, thus saving a great and united country to succeeding generations. William

M. Gill is one of that loyal host and, incidentally, one of the most highly honored citizens of Plain township, Wayne county, where he was born September 18, 1844, the son of George and Anna (Miller) Gill, the former a native of Ashland county, Ohio, and the latter born in the state of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents of the subject were Isaac and Eva Gill, natives of Pennsylvania. Thomas Gill, father of Isaac Gill, was born in Ireland, in which country he was married and where several children were born to him and his wife. He came to America, however, in a very early day and made his way westward, finally settling in Wayne county, Ohio, later moving to Ashland county, but eventually moved across the line back into Wayne county, where he died, having lived the picturesque life of the pioneer farmer. In his early life he was a member of the Evangelical church, but later became identified with the Church of God.

The maternal grandparents of William M. Gill were Jacob and Anna (Neidigh) Miller, natives of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, who, in about 1833, came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled on a farm near where the subject of this sketch now lives. A little later Mr. Miller bought the farm where the subject now resides, consisting of two hundred and forty acres, it having formerly belonged to Esquire Miller. The place then had a few log buildings on it and a small clearing had been made. Here he lived until his death. It was in 1840 that Isaac Gill came to Wayne county; later he bought a farm in Ashland county and still later one in Wayne county. George Gill came here with his father. He received a limited education in the primitive schools of his time, and devoted his entire life to farming. He was born in 1819 and his death occurred in 1860, at the early age of forty-one years. When he married he moved to a farm in Plain township, later went to Indiana, where he bought a farm in Greene county, where he spent one summer, then returned to Wayne county, Ohio, making the trip by wagon. Upon his return in 1851 he bought the old Miller farm, where the subject now lives, and erected the buildings that now stand here, making this their home until their deaths. George Gill was a strong Whig, moral, upright and pronounced in his views against slavery. He was a member of the Church of God and an active worker in the same, serving in the capacity of what we now term a class leader. To George Gill and wife were born five sons and two daughters, namely: Isaac, who died in infancy; Jacob; William M., of this review; Jennie, S. G., Mattie and David.

William M. Gill was educated in the home schools. He has always followed farming, having begun to assist with the work on his father's place when quite young, and he has remained on this place ever since the year 1851.

Mr. Gill enlisted in Company J, One Hundred and Sixty-third Regiment Ohio National Guard, for one hundred days. His brother Jacob served three years in the Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

The subject has followed general farming and stockraising in a manner that proves him to be fully abreast of the times. For several years he has made a specialty of raising Jersey cattle and Plymouth Rock chickens. He has a rich and well improved farm, a good dwelling and outbuildings.

Mr. Gill was married on January 31, 1871, to Etta Strauss, daughter of Peter and Julia Ann (Renner) Strauss, who were born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Gill lived and died in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, but her maternal grandparents came from that state to Wayne county, Ohio, locating in Plain township, later moved to Seneca county, this state, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Peter Strauss came to Wayne county in 1850 and followed farming on the home place in Plain township. To Mr. and Mrs. Gill two children have been born, Hershel and Edith. The former, who married Maude Wright, is a traveling salesman for the Ohio Rake Company; he and his wife have two children, Paul and John. Edith married Iras Sparr, a farmer in Plain township.

William M. Gill is a member of the Church of God and Mrs. Gill belongs to the Reformed church. He is a Prohibitionist, and he has served his township as trustee for one term, though he takes no special interest in political subjects.

PHILIP KRICK.

Wayne county could boast of few more progressive and successful farmers and stock men than the late Philip Krick, who was long well and favorably known in the eastern part of the county, having operated excellent farming lands in the vicinity of Orrville for many years, being considered one of the leading citizens of that community. He was enterprising, law-abiding, neighborly and hospitable, combining within himself those qualities of sterling manhood that make not only a useful member of society, but a man whom any locality might well be delighted to honor, for, in looking to his individual interests, he never lost sight of his duty to his fellow men and in many ways he contributed to their well-being and happiness, yet all in a quiet, unassuming manner, seeking to do good yet avoiding public display.

Philip Krick, like many of the useful citizens of Wayne county, was an American by adoption only, having been born in Rhein, Bavaria, March 4,



PHILIP KRICK

1836, the son of Jacob and Margaret (Worth) Krick, who were both born, reared, married and spent their lives in Germany, the father being a shoemaker by trade, a very skillful workman and a man who, by reason of his good management and superior skill, collected considerable means toward the latter part of his life.

Philip Krick received a good common school education and while yet a young man, having heard of the great opportunities that existed in America, decided to try his fortune here, consequently he set sail for our shores in 1854 and after a long and tedious voyage across the Atlantic and scarcely less tiresome journey across the Eastern states, he found himself in Louisville, Kentucky, where he remained several months, and in the spring of 1855 he came to Orrville, Wayne county, Ohio, and, liking the outlook here, decided to make it his future home. He had learned the shoemaker's trade under his father before leaving the Fatherland and in order to get a start here quite naturally began working at his trade. After working in Marshallville, this county, for six months he worked for A. Hard for a period of five years. In 1860 he began business for himself and was prosperous almost from the first, having built up a very large business by honest hard work. He sold out on January 14, 1909, to McCarthy & Geagley. Forty-two years ago he erected a substantial and attractive home, which is beautiful in all its appointments, situated on North Vine street, Orrville. He purchased two excellent farms near Orrville which were the source of a good income during his latter life and which are still owned by his widow, a woman of many commendable traits, the favorite of a large circle of friends.

In her maidenhood Mrs. Krick was known as Sophia Whitmyer, who was married to Mr. Krick on September 4, 1860. She was the daughter of Michael and Catherine (Schwartz) Whitmyer, a fine old family of Canal Fulton, Ohio. Six children were born to this union, only two of whom survive. Mrs. Anna E. Leickheins, of Orrville, and Mrs. Lorena M. King, of Port Huron, Michigan.

Philip Krick was called to his reward on February 24, 1909, after a very successful, busy, useful and honorable career. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and, with his wife, was a faithful member of the Reformed church, he having held all the offices in the local congregation—in fact he was a pillar in the church, always ready to do what he could in furthering its interests. He was truly a good and noble-hearted man, whom to know was to admire and respect, and his place will long be greatly missed in Wayne county.

SIMON HAMLIN.

Of sterling Pennsylvania ancestors comes Simon Hamlin, a successful farmer of Plain township, Wayne county, where his life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, he having taken to the same quite naturally, since he is the son of a farmer and spent his boyhood on the home place. He was born in 1857 on the Sidle farm in Plain township, this county, the son of John and Sarah Jane (Hight) Hamlin, the former born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Huntingdon county, that state. They grew up in their native communities, met and married in the Keystone state, and one child was born to them there. They believed that better opportunities awaited them in the newer county of Wayne, Ohio, and they accordingly made the journey here in 1855, locating in Plain township, where they got a good foothold and lived very comfortably. They were the parents of three daughters and two sons, namely: Sarah Jane, Harriett, Simon (subject of this sketch), William, and Mary Ellen. They gave their children every advantage possible which their means would permit and especially trained them along ethical lines, so that they grew up an honor to the community. The paternal and maternal grandparents of Simon Hamlin all lived in Pennsylvania, where they had good homes.

In 1860 John Hamlin and family moved onto the farm where Simon Hamlin, of this review, now resides. The subject was reared on the home farm, as already indicated, and when of proper age he went to work in the fields, attending the neighboring schools during the brief winter terms; he also attended school in Blachleyville, this township, receiving a fairly good education.

Mr. Hamlin is the owner of fifty acres of excellent land, which is well cultivated, and he has a comfortable home and makes a success of his farming operations. He deals in stock, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle, always finding a ready market for the same.

Mr. Hamlin was married in 1880 to Catherine Stair, daughter of John Stair, a native of Germany, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Martha, Eva (deceased), Mary Anna and John Henry (deceased). The subject was married a second time, the date of his last wedding being in 1893, and his last wife was Mrs. Melinda (Werst) Kiefer, who has borne him one child, a son answering to the name of Franklin. Mrs. Melinda (Werst) Hamlin had by her first husband the following children: Viola L., John Henry, Oliver A., Clarence Victor, and William (deceased). All married excepting Clarence, and all live in Ashland county, Ohio.

Politically Mr. Hamlin is a Democrat and he takes an abiding interest in local matters pertaining to politics and other movements for the good of the community at large. He is now a member of the local school board, and he was one of five men who organized the cemetery association at Blachleyville, in about 1903, since which time he has been trustee and treasurer, in fact, the moving spirit of the organization.

JACOB HECKMAN.

To the person traveling over northern Ohio it seems almost incredible that only a little more than a half century ago much of the land now smiling in highly cultivated farms was covered by a wilderness, through which the light of day could scarcely penetrate; but such was the fact. Innumerable hands set to work removing the timber from the land in order to develop the fertile lands underneath the canopy of timber, the uncertainty of a comfortable home to reward the laborer spurring him on to the hard task. Such soil and such homes were sought by the Heckman family in Wayne county, and the comfortable circumstances in which the present generation find themselves indicate that several members of this family succeeded in their efforts.

A well known member of the family in question is Jacob Heckman, who was born in Clinton township, Wayne county, August 22, 1867, the son of Henry B. and Barbara A. (Jacobs) Heckman. His maternal grandparents were natives of Germany who came to America in a very early day, making a tedious voyage across the Atlantic. They landed in New York, but believing that the middle west held greater opportunities, they came to Holmes county, Ohio, where they settled, living the typical pioneer life. Later Mr. Jacobs bought land in Ashland county. He and his wife were not married until they came to America.

Henry B. Heckman, father of the subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1839 and he came to Ohio when a young man, finally making his way to Wayne county, Ohio, locating in Clinton township.

Jacob Heckman, of this review, brother of Frank Heckman, whose sketch appears on another page of this work, was educated in the common schools of Clinton township and grew up on the home farm. He very early decided to follow farming for a life work, and he has succeeded very admirably at this, having become one of the most successful in his neighborhood. In 1903 he moved to Chester township, where he now manages an excellent farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres, which belongs to his mother. He

is also interested in good livestock, having just begun the breeding of Shropshire sheep and thoroughbred Durham cattle. He is a good judge of stock and the kind he now keeps is admired by all.

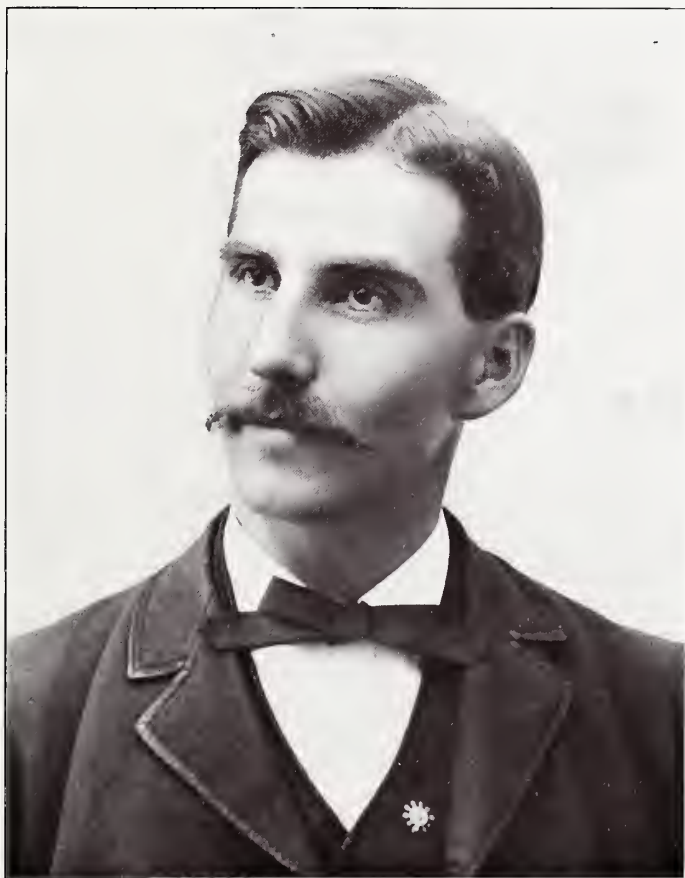
Mr. Heckman was married in November, 1892, to Caroline Matilda Derr, a native of Ashland county, Ohio, the daughter of Valentine and Mary Derr, old settlers of that county, having come here from Germany when small children. Mrs. Heckman's grandparents on both sides of the house came from Germany to America at the same time. To Mr. and Mrs. J. Heckman one son has been born, named Howard C.

In politics Mr. Heckman is a Republican, and his wife is a member of the Lutheran church.

GEORGE A. FISHER.

A native of Wayne county and holding worthy prestige among the enterprising men of Wooster, the subject of this sketch has long been an influential factor in business circles and stands high in the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. His father, Philip Fisher, was born in Frankfurt, Germany, but in 1842 came to the United States and settled at Hagerstown, Maryland, where he lived two years, at the expiration of which time he moved to Wooster, Ohio, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. By occupation he was a bricklayer, which trade he learned in his native land and followed in his adopted country until 1852, when he was employed by the Wooster Cemetery Company as sexton of the cemetery, of this city, which position he held for a period of thirty-seven years to the satisfaction of all concerned. He helped clear the grounds of the present cemetery and to him is due the credit of the subsequent improvement until it became one of the most beautiful and attractive places of sepulture in the northern part of the state. Mr. Fisher was a man of refined tastes and a great admirer of the beautiful in all its forms. He took especial interest in the work assigned him and an evidence of his ability in this respect is furnished by the artistic manner in which he laid out and kept the ground, rendering them, as already stated, beautiful and ornate and making them the model for a number of other cemetery associations in various parts of the country.

Maria Stephens, wife of Philip Fisher, was also of German birth, having been a native of Hessen Darmstadt, where she spent her childhood. While still quite young she accompanied her parents to America and grew to become



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acquainted with the gentleman whom she subsequently married. Like her husband, she possessed many of the sterling qualities for which her nationality has always been distinguished, early impressed upon the minds and hearts of her children those principles which make for honorable manhood and womanhood and finished her earthly labors in the year 1888 at the age of sixty-two years.

Philip and Maria Fisher reared a large family—thirteen children in all—twelve of whom grew to maturity, their names being as follows: Mary, widow of Stillman Brown, who died in Toledo, Ohio, in 1870; Amelia married Darret Brown and resides in that city; Edward S., of Mansfield, this state; Henrietta, wife of Joseph H. Prentiss, of Toledo; Josephine, widow of Leander LaRue, of Chicago, Illinois; Flora, now Mrs. George Dickinson, of Missoula, Montana; Emma T., widow of John Healy, of Chicago; Franklin, who died in infancy; Charles A., who departed this life in the year 1900; Ida L., principal of a high school at Missoula, Montana; H. S. Fisher, a real estate dealer of the same place; George A., the subject of this sketch, and James P., who lives in Wooster.

George A. Fisher was born in Wooster, Ohio, May 26, 1865, and spent his early life in his native city, receiving his education in the public schools. When old enough to be of service he assisted his father in caring for the cemetery and continued that line of work until his eighteenth year, when he began learning marble and granite cutting, a trade for which he manifested a decided taste and in which he acquired much more than ordinary efficiency and skill. Finishing the trade, he worked for a time for others, but soon engaged in business for himself, establishing in 1889 the Marble and Granite Works in Wooster, of which he has since been the head and which under his able and judicious management has continued to grow in magnitude and importance until it is now the largest establishment of the kind in the city and one of the most successful to be found among the northern counties of Ohio.

Mr. Fisher deals in all kinds of monumental and cemetery work, carries a full and complete stock of marble, granite and other stone used in the trade and in addition to an extensive retail business commands a large wholesale trade, supplying numerous customers in various parts of the state. An artist of pronounced ability in his calling, he permits nothing but first-class work to leave his establishment and to this end his assistants have been selected with special reference to their efficiency and skill. He also ranks high as a judicious and enterprising business man, whose well balanced judgment is seldom if ever at fault and whose ability to foresee with remark-

able accuracy the future results of present plans and actions enables him to inaugurate and carry to successful conclusion large and important undertakings. The large and constantly growing business which he has built up and now conducts is creditable alike to his initiative and executive ability and the success with which his efforts thus far have been crowned bespeak for him a future of still greater possibilities and far-reaching results.

Mr. Fisher's domestic life dates from the year 1894, when he entered the marriage relation with Katherine H. Rockey, a native of Wooster and daughter of Charles A. and Margaret A. Rockey, a union blessed with five children, namely: George P., Mary M., Harold C., Ethel J. and Ralph E., all living and pursuing their studies in the public schools.

Mr. Fisher has always kept in touch with the public interests of Wooster and as a councilman from the old third ward (now fourth) for two terms was instrumental in bringing about much important municipal legislation. He was elected to that body as a Republican and since attaining his majority has always been a pronounced supporter of his party and of recent years an active and influential worker both in local and general political matters. He is a director of the Wayne Building and Loan Association, a stockholder in the Wayne County National Bank, besides having various other interests, all of which indicate his influence and standing in a community where, as already stated, he occupies a conspicuous place in the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Mr. Fisher is a Mason of high degree, an active worker in the blue lodge and commandery of Knights Templar, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, the Order of Yeomen and the Republican Club of Wooster. Religiously, he subscribes to the Methodist Episcopal faith and for some years has been a leading member of the church in the city of his residence, also treasurer of the same. Mrs. Fisher was reared in the Evangelical church, but joined the church her husband belongs to and to which all the children belong.

RUDOLPH GRABER.

When a farmer is out of debt and is in comfortable circumstances, the chances are that he is just as happy as any other person of moderate circumstances can be or is. He need not worry for fear his farm may burn up or blow up, as he knows that no matter what may betide, he will still have a home and a means of making a living for himself and family. It is his own fault, therefore, if he is not happy. One of the contented farmers of East

Union township is Rudolph Graber, a native of Switzerland, having been born in that country September 13, 1853, the son of John and Anna (Oplinger) Graber, both now deceased, neither of them having come to the United States.

Rudolph Graber was reared on the farm in his native country and attended the common schools there, receiving a good education. When he reached maturity he began to cast about for a profession and nothing in his native country appealing to him, he decided to try his fortunes in the United States, consequently he landed on our shores in May, 1877, and soon thereafter found himself in Wayne county, Ohio. He was limited in means and in order to get a start he worked on the farm by the year and month. He married Emma Zaugg, who was born September 13, 1860, the daughter of Jacob Zaugg; she was a native of Wayne county, this state, a member of a good old family of German descent.

Mr. Graber purchased the farm where he now lives in 1899, consisting of forty-seven acres, located in sections 26 and 35, East Union township. He learned the secret of cheese-making in his native country, and he has engaged in the same here with great success, having purchased the Fountain cheese factory. He manufactures cheese and retails the same in various markets, always finding a ready sale for his products, owing to their superior quality and wholesomeness. He has an excellent little farm which yields a very comfortable income under his able management. He has a cozy home and everything about the place has an air of contentment.

To Mr. and Mrs. Graber eight children were born, namely: Ella, Fred, Clara, Edna, Hilda, Raymond, Erma and Laura. They have all received good common school educations.

Mr. Graber and his family are members of the Mount Eaton Reform church. Politically, Mr. Graber adheres to the tenets of the Democratic party. He takes an abiding interest in whatever tends to advance the interests of his community, and because of his honesty and habits of strict attention to his business affairs, together with his neighborly friendliness, he is held in popular favor all over the township, as is also each member of his family.

THOMAS A. WEAVER.

Good intellectual training, thorough professional knowledge and the possession and utilization of the qualities and attributes essential to success, have made Dr. Thomas A. Weaver, of Blachleyville, Plain township, Wayne

county, eminent in his chosen calling and he stands today among the scholarly and enterprising physicians in a community noted for the high order of its medical talent, although he is yet a young man and has not attained the zenith of his popularity and skill. He is a native of Sugar Creek township, this county, where he first saw the light of day August 19, 1870, the son of Henry and Sarah Jane (Wilson) Weaver, both born in Wayne county, Ohio, and people of sterling worth, each representing honored pioneer ancestry. The grandparents on the paternal side came from Pennsylvania and were Pennsylvania yeomen, the grandfather being a farmer in Baughman township. On the maternal side Scotch-Irish blood prevailed, the grandparents having lived in Baughman township, where they farmed successfully.

Henry Weaver was educated at the Bunker Hill school and he early in life decided to devote his attention exclusively to farming and he has done this, his operations resulting in the winning of a comfortable living all the while and the laying by of a competency that renders his old age free from want. He still resides on the farm where he moved when he was first married. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres, much of which he cleared and improved. A Republican politically and interested in all that tends to promote the general interests of his locality, he has never aspired to offices of public trust. He was one of the loyal sons of the North to offer his services to the government during the troublous days of the early sixties, having enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment Ohio National Guard in 1864 as a private. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Presbyterian church holds his membership. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weaver the following children were born: Emma B., William D., Anna M. and Thomas A.

Dr. Thomas A. Weaver was educated in the schools of district No. 4, Sugar Creek township, and the Dalton high school. Having been actuated by a laudable desire early in life to become a physician, he began preparations to secure the necessary mental discipline, and he spent one summer at the University of Wooster, taking what is known there as the pre-medical course. He then entered the Toledo Medical College, from which he was graduated with a very creditable standing in his class in 1898. He at once came to Blachleyville, Plain township, Wayne county, where he "hung out his shingle" and has since practiced his profession here, with the exception of the year 1907, when he was located in Orrville. He enjoyed a lucrative patronage from the first, until he is now a very busy man, keeping in touch with his numerous patients throughout this part of the county.

Doctor Weaver was united in marriage with Nina E. Cully in 1892, a lady of refinement and pleasing address, her family having been influential here for many decades. To this union the following children have been born: Lois, Vance E. and Wilbert T.

The Doctor is a member of the Wayne County and the Ohio State Medical Societies, in both of which he takes much interest, keeping abreast of the times in all that concerns the science of medicine. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees. Religiously, he is a Presbyterian, and a Republican in politics. He is known to be a conscientious and honorable man in all the relations of life.

JACOB SHELLEY.

Jacob Shelly was born in Plain township, January 15, 1842, and his interesting career has been spent in his native community. He is the son of Michael and Elizabeth (Hauser) Shelly, the former a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and the latter a native of Cumberland county, that state. The subject's paternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Snively) Shelly. They left their old home in the Keystone state in 1830 and came to Ohio, locating in Plain township, Wayne county, finally becoming the owners of valuable landed estates, owning a total of one thousand four hundred and eighty acres in Plain, Wooster and Clinton townships. The grandfather cleared some of the home place. His family consisted of eight children, and he gave each of them a quarter section of land, which they cleared and improved. The subject's maternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Dininger) Hauser, natives of Pennsylvania. As early as 1831 they came to Wayne county, Ohio, locating in Wayne township, later buying land in Plain township and lived on the sixty acres they purchased there.

Michael Shelly, father of Jacob Shelly, came to this county with his parents. He had received his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania. He began farming early in life and followed this continuously the rest of his life. He was prosperous and became the owner of five hundred acres. He was a Whig and later a Republican, but never aspired to public office; religiously he was a Lutheran. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shelly ten children were born, namely: Christian, Michael, Jacob, Peter, Joseph, John, Eliza, Sarah, Mary and Susan. Peter was in Company I, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Jacob was in Company C, of the same regiment; Joseph was in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteers, for one hundred days; the first two named served three years each.

Upon his return from the army, Jacob Shelly took up farming in Plain township and he is now the owner of one hundred and two acres of fine land in Plain and Wooster townships, carrying on general farming.

Mr. Shelly was married in 1867 to Harriett Culberson and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Charles C., Ella and Jennie.

Christian Shelly, a brother of Jacob Shelly, was educated in the home schools and he took up farming, which he has always followed in Plain township, doing a good business farming and stock raising. He was a Republican in politics, and his family consisted of four boys and one girl.

Jacob Shelly and wife are members of the Lutheran church, and the former belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he is a Republican and he has been trustee of Plain township for some time, making an excellent public official.

SAMUEL K. ALEXANDER.

Although twenty-nine years have come and gone with their joys and sorrows, triumphs and defeats, since the passing away of the picturesque old character who was so greatly admired in Plain township, Wayne county,—Samuel K. Alexander,—he is yet well remembered by the older generation, for his example was that of a strong-minded and generous-hearted, public-spirited citizen, the type of man which the community greatly regrets to lose. He was a native of Juniata county, Pennsylvania, having been born there in July, 1811 the son of Samuel and Mary (Shaver) Alexander. The father died in that county, and his widow came to Wayne county, Ohio, where she survived but a short time. Samuel K. Alexander came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1833 and he was married here in 1848 to Leah Romich, daughter of John and Mary (Wiler) Romich, both born in Pennsylvania, the former in Berks and the latter in Lancaster county. The Romich family hailed from Holland, coming across the great Atlantic in an old-fashioned sailing-vessel to America. John Romich and family came by wagon from Pennsylvania in 1833, making the tiresome trip over bad roads and unbridged streams, and settled on what is now the John McQuibb farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, which he bought. This was then in timber, but the old pioneer liked to wrestle with the adverse conditions which then prevailed and he cleared the place in part, later returning to Pennsylvania, where he died. About two

years after that event the family came to the farm here. Still later, Mrs. Romich bought a small place in Plain township on which she lived until her death.

Samuel K. Alexander received a limited schooling in the primitive schools of the early days and when but a lad began working on his father's farm and he farmed for himself about a year before his marriage. He made a success of agricultural pursuits, having been a hard worker and a good manager, and he finally purchased eighty acres of excellent land in Plain township, south of where Mrs. Leah Alexander now lives. This place he greatly improved and skillfully rotated his crops, giving back to the soil as much as he took therefrom, having understood scientific farming, until he not only made a very comfortable living but was enabled to leave a competency to his family. He lived on this place eleven years, clearing most of it and making substantial improvements. He then bought forty acres where Mrs. Alexander now resides. It, too, was placed in excellent shape and good buildings provided.

The death of Samuel K. Alexander occurred on October 14, 1880. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Rev. J. R., who has been a missionary at Asiout, Egypt, for the past thirty-five years, having done a wonderful work in that country for the spread of the Gospel and in his ministrations to the benighted people there. The most notable work he has done there was the organization of a college, of which he has been president ever since. James H. is a farmer in Plain township. Mary married R. M. Brinkerhoff. Margaret, and A. S., who lives west of the old home place. He is mentioned in a separate sketch in this work.

Samuel K. Alexander was a man of exemplary habits, scrupulously honest in all his relations with his fellow men, a kind father and loving husband and a man whom everybody liked and highly respected.

H. LINCOLN PIPER.

The Piper family has long been a prominent one in Wayne county, one of the best known members of the same being H. Lincoln Piper, whose birth occurred March 14, 1860, in Reedsburg, this county, and he is the son of William Piper, mentioned elsewhere in this work. The subject was educated in the common schools and in the Smithville Academy, after which he returned to the farm and in 1891 he purchased a farm of one hundred and ten acres in Chester township, which was improved; however, he never lived on

the place. In 1906 he purchased two farms of eighty-five acres each in Chester township and these he still manages. He has fed and wintered horses to some extent. He has also been in the loaning business for the past fifteen years, and he has shown himself to be a man of unusual business ability, understanding all the phases of diversified farming, keeping his places up to a high standard of excellence and reaping from them annually rich harvests as the result of excellent management. However, he is not actively engaged in agricultural pursuits at present, having lived practically retired for the past two years.

Mr. Piper was married on October 2, 1883, to Alice Buchanan, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and the daughter of G. R. and Lydia Buchanan. They were early settlers of this county and a highly respected family. Mrs. Piper was well educated in the common schools and she is a woman of fine personal traits, rendering her popular with a wide circle of friends in this county. Her father believed in giving young people of today every advantage possible and consequently the mental and social training of his daughter, Alice, was carefully looked after.

Besides his farming, Mr. Piper has various investments in securities and whatever he has turned his attention to he has been very successful, his farms showing that a man of good taste and splendid judgment has their management in hand.

Politically Mr. Piper is a Republican, but he does not find time to devote much attention to political matters, though he is interested in the progress of his county in every respect. Religiously, he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mrs. Piper belongs to the Lutheran church.

JOHN C. McCLARAN.

It is a well authenticated fact that success comes not as the caprice of chance, but is the legitimate result of well applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance in a course of action once decided upon by the individual. Only those who seek the goddess Fortuna, find her—she never was known to smile upon the idler or dreamer. The gentleman whose name introduces these paragraphs clearly understood this fact early in life when he was casting about for a legitimate and promising line to follow, and in tracing his life history it is plainly seen that the prosperity he enjoys has been won by commendable qualities, and it is also his personal and genuine



John C. McClaron

regard for the welfare of others which has gained for him the good standing which he enjoys among his fellow citizens—at the bar and in public and social life.

John C. McClaran spent his boyhood and young manhood days on the Wayne township, Wayne county, Ohio, about two miles northwest of the county seat, August 10, 1852, a conspicuous day in the calendar of this county for it marked the coming of the first passenger train through her domain and the advent of a new and opulent epoch. He is the son of Dewitt Clinton McClaran, who long since passed to his reward; he was a well-to-do farmer and a man of influence in his community, a man of many commendable traits and who did his full share in the development of his township and county, similar in makeup to his father, Robert McClaran, a sturdy pioneer here in the wilderness days of the long ago, who, contributed a heroic part toward the building of Wooster, the establishment and maintenance of public order, the enforcement of the laws, the organization of public schools and the general growth of the county seat and county, and the work he began has been continued by his descendants to the present day, adding additional lustre to an escutcheon of which anyone might well be proud. The grandfather moved from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1812 and was at once recognized by the early settlers here as an enterprising, capable and public-spirited man, the type that any growing community always welcomes into its midst. He was patriotic and when the war of 1812 began unhesitatingly offered his services in behalf of the flag, and right gallantly carried a musket through many trying campaigns and bloody battles of the lake region. He was chosen the first justice of the peace of Wooster, and as such married the first couple joined in wedlock in Wayne county. His record in his official capacity was without stain or blemish. He took an abiding interest in political matters, and, as a Whig, was elected to the General Assembly of Ohio in 1823; he held various other offices of trust and responsibility, and was a man of stanchest integrity, strong convictions, and unquestioned mental force.

John C. McClaran, a well known attorney of Wooster, was born in home farm where he assisted with the work about the place and learned many valuable lessons and laid the foundation for a virile manhood. He alternated his farming with teaching in the district school, spending his evenings among his books, and in the line of his higher aspirations formed habits of close application and stick-to-itiveness which have characterized his subsequent career. He was not satisfied with a primary education, consequently entered the University of Wooster from which he was graduated in the class of

1877. He had decided upon the law and accordingly began to study of the same in the office of the late George Rex, ex-supreme judge of Ohio and recognized as one of the ablest lawyers and jurists on the bench. After the completion of his studies in the office of Judge Rex, Mr. McClaran entered the Boston Law College, from which he was graduated in 1880. He began practice by forming a partnership with Gen. Aquila Wiley, of this city, a distinguished soldier in the Union army, with whom he remained in partnership relations for a period of five years, during which time he grew in favor and popularity, impressing the bar and the public with his ability and future possibilities, one who was characterized by quick perceptions, sound judgment, and an acute, logical, discriminating mind. At one time he held the office of city solicitor of Wooster, having been elected in 1890, in which position he discharged his official duties in an efficient and satisfactory manner. He was elected probate judge of Wayne county in 1893, and re-elected in 1896. His career on the bench was most satisfactory, irrespective of party alignment, for he conscientiously sought to do justice to those who sought to gain redress in court, desiring to give all the necessary protection, fairness and justice of the law, of which he had a clear analysis. A court of protection to the minor child, the widow, the orphan; a court of administration and relief, those entering it under the tenure of Judge McClaran had the assurance and guarantee of their legal rights. In every sense Judge McClaran was especially and signally equipped for the honorable position to which he had been elevated by his fellow citizens. His administration of the probate office during his first term was characterized by learning, caution, fairness and firmness; and all these qualities were but significant indexes of what the administration of the office was during the second term.

Upon his retirement from the probate office, Judge McClaran resumed the duties of the legal profession, and with his judicial characteristics and former experience as a popular, successful and painstaking lawyer at the Wooster bar, assured him a satisfactory clientele and he has ever since done his full share of legal business. His habits of close study, industry and critical research, his ability to grasp and readily comprehend the law, make him necessarily and logically a successful lawyer. He was elected to the probate judgeship by a most emphatic majority by the Democratic party, to which he gave his allegiance and franchise when first a voter, and with which he is in conspicuous affiliation. At the Democratic primaries of May, 1900, having been a candidate for Congress from the seventeenth district, he received the endorsement of the Democracy of Wayne for that exalted position, but in the district convention failed of nomination. On the stump he

is somewhat aggressive, but always argumentative and convincing. The educational, moral and material interests of the community are matters of concern to him, and the promotion of them are not forgotten in his cherished objects of life.

Judge McClaran possesses an unblemished character, a strict integrity, an intelligent appreciation of his responsibilities and a faculty of accomplishment. He fully realizes that these traits of character have descended through the blood of his ancestry and his greatest pride shall ever be that priceless heritage of his forefathers—an honored name.

Judge McClaran was, on the 30th day of June, 1885, united in marriage with Elizabeth C. Deer, daughter of Jacob Deer and Marietta Deer, to which union were born two sons, Wade Dewitt, born July 24, 1886, and John Walter, born October 1, 1887. Mrs. McClaran died June 20, 1889. On July 21, 1891, he was again married to Jessie Kate Jones, daughter of Lake F. Jones and Jennie Jones, of Wooster, Ohio.

Judge McClaran is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Wooster, and has been closely identified with the splendid growth and development of the University of Wooster, having been a member of its board of trustees for many years. He is also a member of the fraternal orders of Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

MICHAEL D. OTTO.

The backbone of this country is made up of families who have made their own homes, who are alive to the best interests of the community in which they reside, who are so honest that it is no trouble for their neighbors to find it out, who are too busy to attend to anyone's business but their own, who work steadily on from day to day, taking the sunshine with the storm, and who rear a fine family to an honest name and a comfortable home. Among such families is the gentleman whose name forms the introduction to this sketch, for his ancestors have left honorable records behind them in this and Ashland counties, this state.

M. D. Otto, a prosperous farmer in Plain township, Wayne county, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, October 24, 1859, the son of Michael and Rebecca (Emerick) Otto, both natives of Pennsylvania. The grandparents of the subject came to Ashland county, Ohio, in an early day and engaged in farming.

M. D. Otto was educated in the common schools of Ashland county, receiving an excellent practical education. He very early began farming in his native county and followed the same until 1894, when he came to Plain township, Wayne county, where he now follows general farming on an excellent place of two hundred and eighty acres. It is well improved in every respect and on it stand a beautifully located home and good outbuildings, everything about the place denoting thrift and prosperity. Mr. Otto keeps a good grade of livestock of all kinds, especially horses, of which he is fond.

Mr. Otto was married on May 17, 1885, to Flora Coble, a woman of excellent tastes and the daughter of an old and highly esteemed family of Ashland county, this state, where she was born. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Florence Fay, Edith and Miron Adair.

Politically, Mr. Otto is a Democrat, but he does not aspire to public office, though his support may always be depended upon when questions arise looking to the betterment of his county in any way, and since coming here he has made hosts of friends by reason of his neighborly and kindly manners and his integrity. Mrs. Otto is a member of the United Brethren church of Lake Forest, Ohio. Her parents both live in Ashland, Ohio.

WILLIS B. BRYSON.

Postmaster of Wooster and one of the most influential men of the city, Willis B. Bryson is a native of Pennsylvania and an honorable representative of an old and highly esteemed family which for many years was identified with the material progress and general interests of Lawrence county, that state. His father, Joseph E. Bryson, born in the county of Lawrence and a life-long resident of the same, was a bookkeeper and a man of high moral worth and greatly esteemed by those with whom he mingled. He served in a Pennsylvania regiment during the late Civil war, earned an honorable record as a soldier and was killed in a railroad accident in the year 1871.

The Brysons are of Scotch-Irish lineage and originally settled in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, where the subject's grandfather, James D. Bryson, was born and reared. In early life he removed to New Castle, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, where he worked for a number of years as a millwright and where he also served ten or twelve years as county commissioner, besides representing that jurisdiction at one time in the Legisla-



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ture. He was a fine mechanic and, during his long experience in constructing mills, made many improvements in machinery, including among others an improved turbine water wheel which he invented and which was pretty generally adopted and is still in use. A man of affairs as well as a mechanical genius, he took an active interest in public matters, kept in close touch with the great questions and issues of the times and wielded an influence in the community which in due time made him a leader among his fellow citizens. He lived a long and useful life and was called from the scenes of his earthly labors and triumphs in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

The maiden name of the subject's mother was Rose E. Means, daughter of Daniel Means, of western Pennsylvania. A native of the Keystone state, she married her husband in Lawrence county, and bore him two children, Willis B., whose name introduces this sketch, and Mrs. C. E. Ohliger, of Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Bryson was a woman of well-balanced judgment, practical intelligence and beautiful life, and early impressed upon the minds and hearts of her offspring those principles which make for correct conduct and strong, well-rounded character. She died in 1906, at the age of sixty-seven years, and left to her posterity the memory of noble deeds and high ideals which they cherish as a priceless heritage.

Willis B. Bryson was born December 10, 1864, in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and spent his early life pretty much after the manner of the majority of city lads. At the proper age he entered the public schools, where he made commendable progress in his studies, and in 1884, when nineteen years of age, came to Wooster, Ohio, and engaged in the mercantile business, which he carried on with encouraging results for a period of nine years, devoting his attention during the time to the notion and wallpaper trade. Disposing of his establishment in 1903, he entered the employ of the Cleveland & Southwestern Traction Company, with which he continued two and a half years, when he resigned his position to take charge of the postoffice at Wooster, to which he was appointed on May 8, 1906.

On becoming a citizen of Wooster Mr. Bryson at once began taking an interest in public affairs and it was not long until he forged to the front and rose to a position of prominence and influence in political circles. He early embraced the principles of the Republican party and in due time became an earnest advocate of the same, his activity in working for the success of the party and his judicious advice in its councils leading, in 1897, to his being chosen chairman of the Republican executive committee, which position he held for a period of twelve years and in which he demonstrated ability and leadership of a high order. In recognition of valuable services while at

the head of the above organization as well as by reason of his fitness for the place, he was appointed, as already noted, to the important position of post-master, the duties of which he has since discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the department and the general public, proving a capable, courteous and obliging official in whom the people, irrespective of political affiliation, repose implicit confidence.

Mr. Bryson is a public-spirited man and lends his influence and material assistance to all worthy enterprises for the advancement of the city in which he resides and is also deeply interested in those measures and movements having for their object the social, intellectual and moral welfare of the community. He is a stockholder in the Wayne County National Bank, in Wooster, besides having interests in various other utilities of minor import. Like the majority of wide-awake, enterprising men, he discharges his duties to the public with the best interests of the county, state and nation at heart, and as a representative American of his day and generation endeavors to realize in himself his high ideals of manhood and citizenship. He holds membership with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Canton Wright, Patriarchs Militant.

Mr. Bryson was married in 1889 to Naomi Foote, daughter of E. D. Foote, of Wooster, the union being blessed with one child, a son, Willis D., an intelligent youth of fourteen years, who bids fair to realize the fond hopes which his parents entertain for his future.

JAMES A. WELTMER.

The Weltmer family has always figured prominently in the life of Wayne county, each member so comporting himself as to gain the admiration of his neighbors in respect to material as well as the public and social side of life. One of the best-known of the present generation is James A. Weltmer, whose birth occurred in Plain township, April 18, 1853, the son of George W. and Isabella (Rittenhouse) Weltmer, the former born in Plain township and the latter a native of the state of Pennsylvania. The subject's paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Kean) Weltmer, the former born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and the latter a native of Scotland. It was in 1816 that they came to Wayne county, Ohio, and settled in Plain township, section 22, the place now being known as the Rittenhouse farm. Jacob Welt-

mer, father of John, came to this county in an early day and bought forty acres of land which he cleared and set out in fruit trees, some of the trees still living; it was one of the first large orchards in this part of the state and it proved to be very successful from a financial venture. Jacob Weltmer remained on that place until his death. The subject's paternal grandparents, Matthias and Catherine (Godwalddt) Rittenhouse, were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1830 and settled in Plain township, section 21, now known as the Stair farm, consisting of eighty acres. The farm was unimproved when Mr. Rittenhouse bought it, but the same was cleared by him and transformed into a comfortable home. He later moved to Ashland county, where his death occurred, as did also that of his wife. Their son, William, served three years as a soldier in the One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. George, father of the subject, went out in March, 1864, in the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Regiment National Guard of Ohio, serving seven months. Matthias, brother of William Rittenhouse, also served as a private in the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Regiment, all surviving the struggle.

George Weltmer was educated in the home schools and early in life learned the shoemaker's trade. Both grandfathers of the subject were shoemakers, having solicited work by going from house to house. George Weltmer also farmed in section 27, Plain township, on forty acres which he owned and where he lived until his death in 1867; his wife died on September 6, 1885. Besides farming and shoemaking, George Weltmer paid especial attention to raising sheep and horses. Politically, he was a Republican and an active worker in the party, holding some of the local offices, including that of school director. He was also a very active worker in the Evangelical church. To Mr. and Mrs. George Weltmer five children were born, three daughters and two sons, namely: Lucy; Melissa, deceased; James A.; Alpheus; Katherine, deceased.

James A. Weltmer, of this review, was educated in the common schools of Plain township. He began farming early in life and has been very successful, being a hard worker and a good manager. In 1877 he purchased forty acres, upon which he erected all the buildings and made other substantial improvements. He has made his own way through life, having received assistance from no one. He has dealt somewhat extensively in livestock, having been an extensive horse and lamb feeder, in connection with his general farming.

Mr. Weltmer was married in 1877 to Ida Felger, daughter of George and Lydia (Rynard) Felger. The Felger family originated in the state of Pennsylvania, and in an early day came to Wayne county, Ohio, where they

began life in the woods, but became fairly well established here. The Felger family had eleven children, as follows: Viola, Jenetta, Ida May, Ira, Julius, Hattie, Sadie, Zeanas, George, Olla and Stella, all alive and financially in good circumstances. To Mr. and Mrs. Weltmer four children have been born, namely: Blanche, who married Thomas R. Campbell, is the mother of two children, Josephine Lenora and Thomas Richard; George W. married Hope Sprang, and their child is James Frederick; J. A. died when three years of age, December 14, 1890; June Isabel.

Mr. Weltmer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, his family also belonging to that denomination. Politically, he is a Republican and firm in his beliefs in the principles of the same. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, and Mrs. Weltmer belongs to the Ladies of the Maccabees.

B. G. COPE.

The gentleman to a brief review of whose life and work the reader's attention is herewith directed is among the foremost business men of Orrville, Wayne county, Ohio, and has by his enterprise and progressive methods contributed in a material way to the industrial and commercial advancement of the city and county. He has in the course of an honorable career been most successful in the business enterprises of which he is the head, and is well deserving of mention in the biographical memoirs of Wayne county.

Mr. Cope is a native son of the Buckeye state, having been born at East Greenville, Stark county, on the 14th of March, 1874. He is a son of Daniel and Margaret Cope, the former of whom was of English antecedents and the latter of good old Pennsylvania-German stock. The father is still living in Stark county, which has been his home for more than half a century, being now eighty-six years old. The subject's mother died about twenty years ago. B. G. Cope secured his education in the public schools of Greenville and Massillon, and has supplemented this during the subsequent years by close reading of the best literature as well as keen observation of men and things, so that today he is considered a well-informed man. When a boy of sixteen years, Mr. Cope became interested in the work of drilling and during the following five years he followed the business of prospecting for coal. He then learned the trade of machinist, at which he was employed for five years. He was shrewd and far-sighted and, recognizing an opening for business, he was quick to take advantage of conditions. With the assistance



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of a brother, he commenced the manufacture of drills at East Greenville, Stark county, and their enterprise met with success from the start. They paid particular attention to the quality of their work and soon found themselves in possession of a business which warranted their branching out. From this nucleus has grown the great Cyclone Drill Company, which will be referred to in following paragraphs. Mr. Cope now has other business interests, being a stockholder in the Orrville Foundry Company and a member of the firm of Cope & Cornelius, of Orrville, manufacturers of blast hole loaders.

On January 1, 1895, Mr. Cope was married to Emma Custer, of Montpelier, Ohio, where she was born, being a daughter of Peter and Nancy Custer. No children have been born to this union. Fraternally, Mr. Cope is a member of the time-honored order of Free and Accepted Masons, and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent teachings of the order. Though a comparatively young man, Mr. Cope's business career has been one of brilliant order, and yet has been the natural sequel of the determined application of his distinctive abilities and to his extraordinary grasp of manifold details and his indefatigable energy. As a young man he has risen to a position of unmistakable prominence in the financial and industrial world and he now occupies an enviable position in the community.

In a previous paragraph mention has been made of the drill manufacturing business established at East Greenville by the Cope brothers. Their business increased rapidly and the outlook looked so promising that they felt they would be justified in seeking a better location and to this end they removed the plant to Orrville in 1900. The concern continued to prosper here and in 1903 a stock company was formed and incorporated under the name of the Cyclone Drill Company. The present officers of this company are as follows: President, B. G. Cope; vice-president, C. R. Smith; secretary-treasurer, Levi Mumann; directors, W. H. Tschantz, C. R. Smith, Levi Mumann, Arthur Jones and B. G. Cope.

The company is engaged in the manufacture and sale of well-drilling machinery, mineral and metal prospecting outfits, blast hole drills, engines, and drilling and finishing tools. The company builds a distinctive type of machine that handles both churn and core tools, and is the only machine of this type built. They also manufacture a gasoline traction drill, being also the only one of its kind on the market. Though the Cyclone is not the largest factory of its kind in the world, it enjoys the distinction of manufacturing the largest line of drilling and prospecting machinery in the world, and it is a significant fact that their line of hole prospecting outfits has developed ninety-five per cent of all the coal mines in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois dur-

ing the last ten years. The products of this concern find a ready sale in all parts of the world and are being demanded above all others in many contracts where a specially good tool is required. The factory gives employment to eighty men, most of them highly skilled workmen, and the rapid growth of the business gives great promise for the future. Five large buildings are occupied and the erection of others is being considered. Those now occupied are the main building, forty-five by one hundred and sixty-five feet in size; the forge shop, seventy-five by one hundred and seventy-five feet; wood shop, sixty-two by one hundred and twenty feet; and the shipping and stock room, each fifty by seventy feet, besides the modern office, which is finished and equipped for the ready dispatch of business under the most favorable conditions.

REZIN B. WASSON.

Fortunate is he who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he that his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. The late Rezin B. Wasson, a well-remembered and highly-honored citizen of Wayne county, Ohio, was blessed in this respect, as he sprang from two prominent families distinguished in the early annals of what geographers are usually pleased to designate as the "Middle West" and since the early pioneer epoch the name he bore has been one of which present-day descendants may well be proud. He was born on his father's farm in Wayne township, this county, two and one-half miles northeast of Wooster, March 28, 1833, the second son of David Wasson, who was of sterling English descent. The great-grandfather of Rezin B. emigrated to the United States from England during the last half of the eighteenth century, and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where Joseph Wasson, grandfather of Rezin B., was born March 27, 1775. He was married at Lewistown, that state, July 10, 1800, to Jane McConahay, sister of David McConahay. Her father, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1816, served as one of the early associate judges of the common pleas court of Wayne county in 1819, also serving two terms in the General Assembly of the state of Ohio in succession, having been first elected in 1826. He was the father-in-law of Ephraim Quinby, long since deceased.

It was as early as 1819 that Joseph Wasson moved with his family to Wayne county, Ohio, first settling in Greene township, and the same year he purchased what was then known as the Davison farm and owned by David

Wasson, father of Rezin B., at the time of his death in 1882. David Wasson, the third son of Joseph Wasson and father of Rezin B., was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and came here with his father in the year mentioned in the preceding paragraph. He married, on June 3, 1830, Margaret Beall, a niece of General Beall, for whom Rezin Beall Wasson, of this review, was named. It will be remembered that General Beall was the first representative in Congress after Ohio had been admitted to the Union in 1803, from the district of which Wayne county is now a part, having served from 1813 to 1815. He was commissioned a brigadier-general in the war of 1812; he served as clerk of the supreme and common pleas court, and when the position of register of the land office for the Wooster land district became vacant in 1814, he resigned his seat in Congress to accept the appointment.

Rezin B. Wasson spent his boyhood days on the old home place, where he assisted with the work when he became of proper age, learning many valuable lessons that assisted him in the later battles of life and laying by an excellent store of potential energy that resulted in a strong, virile manhood, for he had plenty of hard work in connection with the clearing and developing of the farm, and he very faithfully and uncomplainingly performed well his just share of the same. When nineteen years of age his boyish imagination was fired by tales of gold in California, and, not having any capital of his own, he borrowed a small sum and bravely struck out, "like a tramp," as he later explained, toward the trackless plains of the arid West beyond which lay the "sundown seas." This feat alone is enough to stamp him as one possessed of no usual amount of courage and the innate qualities that win. On March 10, 1852, he left Wooster, making his way to Mansfield, thence by rail to Shelby, thence to Cincinnati, thence by steamboat to St. Louis, with numerous companions whom he did not know previously, all bent on reaching the Eldorado in the West; they went on to Lexington, Missouri, and other Missouri river points on the steamer "Pontiac," an old condemned vessel, which blew up in a turn of the river, killing one hundred and thirty Mormons and other passengers, including the captain and pilot, Mr. Wasson and a few other passengers escaping by reason of the fact that they had only a few moments before left the boat. He sought and found employment with a farmer at Independence, a village a few miles west of Lexington, where the explosion occurred, with whom he remained for a time, learning his first lessons in ox-teaming from the old planter. He then worked for a company who had a contract with the government for freighting corn, flour and other materials and provisions to one of the frontier posts, and while in the employ

of the company managed to get as far west as Fort Laramie, where he met a man who had collected a large drove of sheep with the object in view of driving them over the plains and across the Rockies to Salt Lake and young Wasson went with him as a driver and herder, the distance being over seventeen hundred miles and through a very wild region, overrun with savages and through which there were only dim trails in places, the way being perilous for many reasons, partly from the Indians and partly from white bandits. The trip was made without serious mishap, and in the city of the Mormons Mr. Wasson remained for a fortnight, during which time he heard President Brigham Young preach a sermon in which he admonished the "sisters" to beware of familiarity with the Gentiles. The problem that now confronted our young adventurer was how to cover the seven hundred miles that yet intervened between him and the gold fields of California. While in Salt Lake City the stockman who brought the sheep to Salt Lake decided to purchase a drove of mules and take them to California, and so young Wasson's services were again needed in assisting to take the mules across the sands and mountains, thereby enabling him to complete his long journey, and so he plodded on over the hot alkali soil, through the rugged gorges and mountain passes, pushing on like the dauntless and unfaltering man of courage until he reached Sacramento with his charge, arriving in that beautiful valley on October 15, 1852, having been six months on the long, weary journey from Wooster. But, being anxious to try his fortune in the mines, he spent no time in the semi-tropical luxuries of the Sacramento valley. His first experiences were at Dutch Bar Middle Fork on the Amazon river. He remained on the Pacific coast eight years, giving his attention very largely to mining. He was there during the days of lawlessness, desperadoes, the Vigilantes, and when little or no protection was afforded to property or life. His career was one of peril, often romantic and filled with thrilling and desperate adventures.

Mr. Wasson was at last ready to forsake the varied experiences in the Golden state and in 1860 returned to Wooster by way of the Isthmus of Panama. On his return he began work for O. K. Griffith, digging wells, cutting cord-wood, making rails and doing general work. He sought lighter employment and was engaged as clerk in a dry goods and general store in Doylestown, where he continued for two years, when, in 1862, he purchased a farm which he kept three years, then sold it and bought another. In 1865 he launched in the saw-mill business in western Ohio and continued in the same there and in central Michigan for a number of years, discontinuing the same in 1875, having been very successful in this line. For a short time he then shipped logs and veneering wood to New York City. In 1878 he pur-

chased what is known as the Christian Stoll farm, in Wayne township, Wayne county, Ohio, five and one-half miles northwest of Wooster, where he continued to live until his death, he having retired to this place, his health having begun to fail in 1892.

Mr. Wasson took considerable interest in local political affairs and he was elected treasurer of Wayne county on the Democratic ticket in 1887 and re-elected in 1889, his term of office expiring in September, 1892.

Rezin B. Wasson was married while in business in Doylestown to Lucetta Franks, of Chippewa township, the wedding occurring on March 26, 1861. Mrs. Wasson was the daughter of Abraham Franks, the fourth son of Henry Franks, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1798, and who came to Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio, with his father on May 18, 1825. He married Lydia Blocken and they became the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters. He was a man of great muscular power and endurance, full of industry and energy and for many years he was prominent as a farmer and leading stock man, also in mercantile business generally. He brought the first sheep to Chippewa township. In 1861 he retired from business and divided his handsome estate among his children, retaining a competency for himself and living a life of quiet ease until his death, on February 24, 1865. His wife is also dead. Although often solicited to hold some public office, he would never do so; however, he was an active worker in the Democratic ranks. To Abraham Franks and wife a large family was born, five of whom are living at this writing, namely: Lyman, Riley, Morgan, Phoebe and Lucetta, widow of Rezin B. Wasson, of this review.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rezin B. Wasson eight children were born, named in order of birth as follows: Abraham died when seven years of age. Amanda married Charles Zimmerman, of Cleveland, Ohio. Martha Belle is living at home. John always lived at home on the farm, and he married Elizabeth G——, who has borne him four children: Grace, Josiah Allen, George Beall and Albert. Richard Wasson is at Barton, Ohio; he married Josephine Hill and they are the parents of three children, Hill R., Dwight M. and Harold. Thomas Wasson, who is a practicing physician at Ellenburg, Washington, was educated in Kansas City, Missouri, Los Angeles and Sacramento, California, and also took other courses, and has become a very successful general practitioner; he married Flora E. Germain, of Walla Walla, Washington. Kate Wasson is still a member of the home circle. Louis F. is single and is practicing dentistry at Tacoma, Washington.

Mrs. Wasson is a woman of gracious personality and has hosts of friends in this vicinity; she is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Wooster, where her two daughters also hold membership.

Rezin B. Wasson's varied and interesting career was a most successful one. It combined energy, persistency, honesty and generosity, and as a public official he was sincere, competent and trustworthy. Both as a farmer and business man he was diligent, self-reliant and independent, and as a citizen he aimed to discharge his duties as they appeared to him, honestly and in a spirit of candor and fairness. He was always ready to assist when he saw that aid was needed and he certainly deserved the high esteem in which he was held by everyone.

JOHN A. YODER.

Although John A. Yoder, a progressive agriculturist of Wayne township, Wayne county, has spent most of his life in his home locality, is perhaps not especially conversant with conditions prevailing in other portions of the country, he is a man who could have succeeded either in his home country or any other, for a study of his life record reveals the possession of those qualities that make for success in any environment, and he is now one of the substantial citizens of a community which holds high rank in the list of foremost counties in the Union. He is a native of Greene township, Wayne county, where he first saw the light of day May 19, 1861, the son of Samuel and Catherine (Naftzinger) Yoder, the former a native of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and the latter was born in Germany. For a full history of the subject's ancestry the reader is directed to the sketch of M. P. Yoder, appearing elsewhere in this volume, and owing to its completeness there, it is deemed unnecessary to repeat it here. Suffice it to say that they were people of the highest integrity and were prominent in their neighborhood.

John A. Yoder received only a common school education in his native community, having worked on the home farm during the major part of the year until he reached maturity. He began doing little chores about the place when he was a very small lad, remaining under the parental roof-tree until he was twenty-one years of age. He then turned his attention to the West and went to Johnson county, Missouri, while yet a single man. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Sarah Neuhauser in the month of January, 1885. She was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and the daughter of C. B. and Catherine (Stoltzfus) Neuhauser, both natives of Lancaster county.

Pennsylvania, who later went to Knox county, Tennessee, where they still reside. To Mr. and Mrs. Yoder three children have been born, namely: Crissie, Nellie and Roy.

After the year 1885 Mr. Yoder lived in Johnson county, Missouri, where he became the owner of an excellent piece of land, consisting of eighty acres of prairie ground, on which he resided for a period of eleven years, prospering by reason of his good management. But his old home in Wayne county, Ohio, still had its allurements and he was never wholly satisfied away from it, so in 1896 he came back to his native community and purchased thirty acres of land where he now lives in Wayne township, known as the Joseph Blocker place. It was badly run down when Mr. Yoder took possession of it, but he has made many valuable improvements and is making a comfortable living on the same. He is a man who takes no special interest in public affairs, never aspiring for office, merely voting the Republican ticket on election days. He and his wife are members of the Amish Mennonite church at Oak Grove, Greene township.

JAMES BEDELL PUTNAM.

To attain a worthy citizenship by a life that is always honored and respected, even from childhood, deserves more than mere mention. It is no easy task to resist the many temptations of youth and early manhood and plant a character in the minds and hearts of associates that will remain an unstained figure for all time. One may take his place in public life through some vigorous stroke of public policy, and even remain in the hearts of friends and neighbors, but to take the same position by dint of the practice of an upright life and without a craving for exaltation merely for selfish ends, whose chief desires seem to be to serve others and lead a life of usefulness and honor, is worthy of the highest praise and commendation. Such a man is James Bedell Putnam, well-known business man of Wooster, who is duly respected by all classes, not especially because of the vigorous training of his special talents, but because of his daily life, each day being one that is above criticism, viewed in the light of public-spirited citizenship and true American manhood. He is a native of Wooster, where he was born on October 8, 1858, the second child of Samuel and Anna (Wilson) Putnam, and Wayne county has always had such attractions for him that he has continued to make his home here and labor in the county's best interests. His father, an honest,

hard-working and highly respected man, was a pioneer shoemaker here, who made a very comfortable living for his family, being a skilled workman, having taken up his residence in Wooster in 1850, and he was called from his earthly labors on February 9, 1864, survived until March 14, 1872, by his widow, a woman of excellent traits.

James B. Putnam received a common school education, studied hard and made the most of his advantages. Following in the footsteps of his father in the leather working trade, he served an apprenticeship of five years at "collar-making," then for the same length of time he worked for the Standard Coach Pad Company, being regarded by the same as one of their most adroit and trusted employes. Since then he has represented a number of large firms, handling household necessities, etc., and he has built an extensive business, giving each firm entire satisfaction.

Mr. Putnam has always taken considerable interest in the affairs of the Democratic party, never missing an opportunity to aid the local cause in whatever way possible, and for some time his counsel has been sought by party leaders who have recognized his influence. He was elected clerk of Wooster township in 1896, and according to statements of many of his constituents, the township never had a better official.

Mr. Putnam is a man of patriotic impulses, ready at any time to defend his country in time of peace or war, and he served very faithfully as a member of Company D, Eighth Regiment Ohio National Guard.

On December 28, 1887, Mr. Putnam was married to Minnie Mowery, the representative of a well-established and highly respected family of Chester township, the daughter of David and Susan Mowery, and this union has resulted in the birth of one child, Wayne Wooster Putnam, a bright lad, born April 22, 1890.

SAMUEL GEORGE GILL.

The county of Wayne numbers among its citizens many skillful physicians, lawyers of state repute, well-known manufacturers and business men of more than local reputation; while proud of them, she is not lacking in others who have achieved distinction in callings requiring intellectual abilities of a high order. Among the latter, Samuel G. Gill, who is now engaged in the insurance, real estate and stock and bond business at Wooster, but who formerly for many years was one of this county's most successful pedagogues, deserves a conspicuous place. No one is more entitled to the thoughtful consideration



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of a free and enlightened people than he who shapes and directs the minds of the young, adds to the value of their intellectual treasures and to a large degree moulds their characters. This is pre-eminently the mission of the faithful and conscientious teacher and to such noble work was the life of the subject for many years devoted.

Samuel G. Gill was born September 19, 1850, in Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio, and is a son of George and Anna (Miller) Gill. George Gill was also a native of this state, born in 1819, and followed farming during his active years. He was descended from sturdy Scotch-Irish stock, the family name having originally been McGill. The father's death occurred July 27, 1861, on the old homestead in Plain township, where he had lived for nearly twenty years. The subject's paternal grandfather, Isaac Gill, was a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio and settled near Reedsburg, Wayne county, where he lived until his death, which occurred when he was about eighty-seven years old. Anna Miller was born April 22, 1821, near Harnsburg, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and is still living, making her home with her daughter, at Reedsburg. By her union with George Gill, she became the mother of the following children: Isaac died in infancy; Jacob M., of Jeromesville, Ashland county, Ohio; William W., of Plain township, this county; Sarah Jane, who is the widow of Ralston Brown, now makes her home with the subject of this sketch; Samuel G. is the next in order of birth; Martha is the wife of John A. Stottler, a merchant at Reedsburg; David M., who is a clerk in the employ of William Annant, at Wooster.

Samuel G. Gill was reared under the parental roof and secured his preliminary education in the common schools of his home township, supplementing this mental training by attendance at a select school at Reedsburg, Wayne county, taught by an educator from Boston. At the early age of sixteen years, Mr. Gill began teaching school, a profession he followed with distinctive success through many years. His first school was in Greene county, Indiana, where he closed a summer term and then taught a full winter term. He was then engaged to teach the school at Blachleville, this county, and so satisfactory were his services that altogether he taught nineteen terms at that place, there being two intervals during this period. He also taught twelve terms at Reedsburg, ten terms in his home district (Union Institute, Plain township), fourteen terms at Yankeetown, twelve terms in Wooster at Valley College, and four terms at School No. 8 in Wayne township. He then assisted Professor Dickison during a summer term at the Wooster University. This makes a total of seventy-three terms of school which Mr. Gill taught, a record which is believed to be, beyond a doubt, without an equal in this county, and

probably not excelled in the state of Ohio. Fifty-six terms of school were taught by him in his home township. During 1866-67 Mr. Gill also served as clerk of Plain township. He is now engaged in the insurance, real estate, bond and stock business in the city of Wooster and is enjoying a large and satisfactory business. He is the owner of a farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres in Plain township, on which are three sets of farm buildings and other valuable improvements. With his son and another man, Mr. Gill owns a large elevator at Richwood, Ohio. He is also a director in the Buckeye Clay and Coal Co., of New Salisbury, this state, which concern possesses some splendid prospects. The company owns two thousand acres of land, touching the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad for three miles, and underlying this land there have been developed seven veins of coal and three of clay. Of the coal, one vein, which is now being mined, is four and a half feet thick, and there is a fifteen-foot vein of drift coal. Of the clay, one vein is nineteen feet thick, one thirteen and two of eight foot thickness, all said to be the finest sewer-pipe clay in the United States. The stockholders in the company feel sanguine they have a paying proposition in this property and it has been so pronounced by competent judges of the value of such properties.

On February 17, 1876, Mr. Gill was married to Clara C. Sidel, the daughter of John Sidel, who during his active years was a successful stock man and large land owner, his home being at Blachleyville, this county, owning over eleven hundred acres of land. Mr. Sidel died on January 11, 1887; Mrs. Sidel died June 28, 1889. They are buried at Blachleyville cemetery. They had six children, four boys and two girls; the oldest son died at the age of sixty years. To the subject and his wife have been born the following children: Ellis Boyd, born November 17, 1878, who is a traveling man, and Ray Russell, born August 23, 1882, who is interested with his father in the elevator at Richwood, this state, and is managing the business. In matters political Mr. Gill gives an enthusiastic support to the Prohibition party, believing that the temperance question is the great paramount issue before the American people today and that nothing can overshadow it until the great question is forever settled in this country. He is active in his support of the party and attends all the state and national conventions. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Gill are devoted members of the Christian church, as are their two sons, and to this society they give a generous support. They live in an elegant home at No. 150 North Buckeye street. Mr. Gill gives his endorsement to all moral, educational, social or material interests which he believes will benefit the community, and as a man of sterling worth he justly merits the high regard in which he is held.

GEORGE F. FORRER.

A very large proportion of the citizens of Wayne county either came direct from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, or their forbears originated there, and almost without exception they have proved to be among the progressive, law-abiding and high-minded residents here, the old stock back in that particular section of the Keystone state having been of the best. A noteworthy example of this class is George F. Forrer, a successful farmer of Baughman township, whose birth occurred in Lancaster county on January 24, 1850, the son of Henry K. and Charlotte A. (Kendig) Forrer, the former born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1812, the son of Martin Forrer, who emigrated to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his life, an old pioneer there. Henry K. Forrer also remained in that county until the death of his father, soon after which event he removed to Orrville, Wayne county, Ohio, in April, 1855. He devoted his life to farming, spending his last days in Baughman township. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Forrer ten children were born, namely: Martin, Eliza, Christian, Henry H., Catherine, George F., Charlotte, Mary, Susanna and Amos. Five of this number are living in 1909. George F. was the sixth in order of birth and he was five years of age when his parents brought him to Baughman township, where, when of proper age, he assisted with the work on the home farm during the summer months, attending the district schools during winter until he was sixteen years of age, after which he gave his attention exclusively to farming, remaining on the home place until his father quit farming. After farming one year for himself he took charge of the old homestead, which he rented for twenty-three years. Prospering all this time, he was enabled to buy a good farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres in section 20, Baughman township, later selling a part of it to his brother, Henry H. The subject has greatly improved the place since he took possession, remodeling the dwelling and in many ways bringing it up to the standard of modern farmsteads, his home being one of the most attractive in the township, being surrounded by beautiful trees,—in fact, he has a very valuable grove in his fields. He always keeps some good stock and makes a very comfortable living by diversified farming and stock raising.

Mr. Forrer was married in 1875 to Elvina Martin, who was born in Baughman township, this county, December 25, 1853, the daughter of Samuel Martin, a well-known citizen here. Mrs. Forrer received a good education in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Forrer are the parents of four children, namely: Nancy V., Ida M., Charlotte A. and Leroy L.

Mr. Forrer and family are members of the Mennonite church, of which Rev. Ira J. Buckwalter is bishop. Politically, Mr. Forrer is one of the staunch Republicans of Baughman township. He has served his community as school director, and in any way he can always assists in the development of his home community.

FORBES ALCOCK.

To a great extent the prosperity of our great country is due to the honest industry, the sturdy perseverance and the wise economy which so prominently characterizes the natives of "bonnie Scotland," many thousands of whom have entered into our population and have become our most desirable citizens. By comparison with their "old country" surroundings, these people have readily recognized the fact that in America lie the greatest opportunities for the man of ambition and energy. And because of this many have broken the ties of home and native land and have entered earnestly upon the task of gaining in the new world a home and competence. Among this class may be mentioned Forbes Alcock, the well-known granite manufacturer and monument designer, of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, who, by reason of years of indefatigable labor and honest effort, has not only acquired a well-merited material prosperity, but also richly earned the highest esteem of all with whom he has associated.

As may be inferred from the foregoing words, the blood of the sturdy Scotch race courses through the veins of Mr. Alcock, he having been born near the noted city of Aberdeen, Scotland, in the year 1851. He is the son of Benjamin and Margaret (Clark) Alcock, both of whom were reared in Scotland, and there passed the evening of their lives upon the old homestead. The subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm, assisting in the multifarious duties incident to such a life in summer and receiving his mental training in the district schools during the winter months. At the age of fifteen years he was bound out to learn the trade of granite cutting, serving four years as an apprentice and thoroughly acquainting himself with the details of the business in all departments. Upon completing his apprenticeship, he continued to work for six months for his employer, and then determined to try his fortune in America. He set sail in the spring of 1872, and landed at Boston harbor. Immediately he began seeking for employment and soon succeeded in securing a position in the government service on Dick's Island, cutting stone for the New York postoffice building.



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He remained there until the following autumn, when he went to Richmond, Virginia, and was there employed in cutting stone for the state, war and navy department building, that immense structure which was then being erected at Washington, D. C., and which is now conceded to be one of the finest buildings of its kind in the world. Later Mr. Alcock engaged in cutting stone for the Philadelphia postoffice, all the work being done in Richmond. From the latter city Mr. Alcock went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and embarked in the monumental business, purchasing an interest in a farm, which, however, he soon disposed of. In the spring of 1880 he came to Wooster, Ohio, and opened a shop. He began the manufacture of granite monuments and, being a skilled workman and possessing rare ability as a designer, he soon established a large and lucrative business in Wayne and adjoining counties. As an evidence of his ability and the standing he had attained, he was commissioned by Jacob Frick, then president of the Wayne County National Bank, to design and erect a soldiers' monument in the public square of Wooster. This work was all done by Mr. Alcock, and the result is one of the finest pieces of monumental architecture in Ohio. The design is of artistic conception and consists of a shaft, upon the summit of which stands a soldier at "rest arms." It is of superior workmanship and has been admired and favorably commented on by thousands who have viewed it. This monument is an example of the liberality of Jacob Frick, who caused it to be erected at a cost of several thousand dollars. For a number of years Mr. Alcock has been considered the leading monument manufacturer in this section of the state and he has turned out many of the finest granite memorials to be found in this and neighboring counties. He is accommodating and painstaking and never fails to satisfy the most exacting desires in the line of artistic and tasteful monuments.

For ten years Mr. Alcock was a member of the Ohio National Guard, in which he held the rank of second lieutenant, but he resigned his commission in 1891. He was, however, prevailed upon to take a company to the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893 to compete for prizes, and succeeded in winning second prize for his company and a first award for himself as being the best-drilled commanding officer. In 1901, at the Ohio State Fair at Columbus, Mr. Alcock took first prize as the best commanding officer of all the organizations there. At that time he was captain of Wright Canton, No. 77, Patriarchs Militant (Odd Fellows), and this body was in competition with the best-drilled companies of the National Guard and many fraternal organizations. This same company, under Captain Alcock, in 1901 also won five hundred dollars in prizes at Indianapolis, and every prize during the year at all the state encampments in Ohio.

In his earlier years Mr. Alcock took an active interest in athletic sports and has over five hundred prizes, with a great number of medals, to show for the victories he has won. He excelled in running, jumping and hammer throwing. At the Philadelphia Centennial in 1876 he represented the Caledonia Athletic Club of Richmond, Virginia, and won six prizes. At Washington City, two days later, he took ten prizes, and he also made the remarkable record of winning first prize in nine different events two years in succession. Mr. Alcock is also an expert rifle shot and possesses many medals as evidence of his marksmanship.

In 1873 Mr. Alcock was united in marriage to Anna Hill, of Richmond, Virginia, though a native of England. This union has been blessed in the birth of the following children: Benjamin, of Wooster; George, who is associated with his father in the monument business at Wooster; Bechtel is an unusually fine tenor singer now studying in New York City, and at the present time singing in the Fifth Avenue Baptist church of that city; Ella W. is at home; Forbes, Jr., is a professional ball player and is now with the Chattanooga club of the South Atlantic League; Harrison, born in 1888, is also a professional ball player in the Cotton States League.

Socially, Mr. Alcock is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, having received the degree of a Master Mason in Ebenezer Lodge, of Wooster, was made a Royal Arch Mason in Wooster Chapter and a Knight Templar in Wooster Commandery, in which he has held several important offices. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this city, in which he has risen to the rank of a Patriarch Militant. In politics he is an ardent and enthusiastic Republican and has served as president of the board of trustees of the city water works. Viewed in a personal light, Mr. Alcock is a strong man. His business interests have claimed much of his attention, yet he has ever found time to faithfully discharge the duties of citizenship and promote public progress through active co-operation in all measures for the general good. He has made many warm personal friends and all who know him respect him for his sterling worth.

EZRA R. SPENCER, M. D.

The practice of medicine entails perhaps more trying situations than that of any other profession, and those who succeed in this line are deserving of the highest credit, for they must not only be well versed in the science, but

must possess personal qualities that win the confidence and respect of the public. A case in question is that of Dr. Ezra R. Spencer, one of the best known and most successful physicians of a locality noted for the high order of its medical talent, for his reputation has extended far beyond the bounds of Chippewa township, Wayne county. He was born in Port Lyden, Lewis county, New York, May 13, 1838, the son of Ezra R. and Phoebe (Russell) Spencer. His paternal grandparents, Abram and Temperance (Butler) Spencer, were both natives of Connecticut, but they emigrated to the state of New York very early and spent the remainder of their lives there. Ezra Spencer was born in New York in 1802, in which state his first wife, Philona Tyler, was born; one child, a daughter, was born by that union. His second wife, Phoebe Russell, was also born there; she died when the subject was three years of age, and Ezra R. Spencer again married, taking as his third life companion Julia Russell, a sister of his second wife. One child was born of the first union, and three resulted from the second; the latter are living at this writing. To the third marriage one child was born, a son, DeLos. Ezra R. Spencer was a farmer and millwright and made a success of each. He was a faithful member and a worker in the Congregational church. His death occurred in August, 1883.

Dr. Ezra R. Spencer was educated in the Academy of Lowville, New York, and at the University of Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1870, after making a splendid record for scholarship. He soon afterwards came to Wayne county, Ohio, and located at Doylestown, where he has been very successfully engaged in the practice ever since, his name having long ago become a household word to the people of Chippewa and adjoining townships, he being the oldest practicing physician in this vicinity. He has always been regarded as a man who was profoundly versed in the science of medicine, always having unusual success with his patients, but he possesses the many characteristics which make the professional man popular, such as integrity, courtesy, kindness and a due regard for the rights and welfare of others.

The Doctor was married in 1871 to Emma Russell, a native of Clinton, Summit county, Ohio, and the daughter of Alexander and Mary Russell, old settlers there and highly respected people. No children have been born to the Doctor and wife.

Politically, Doctor Spencer is a Republican, and he has held several local offices, always taking proper interest in whatever tends to promote the welfare of his county, whether politically or otherwise. Fraternally, he is a

Knight Templar Mason at Akron, Ohio, and he belongs to the Wayne County, the Ohio and the American Medical Associations, taking an active part in the various bodies. The Spencer home in Doylestown is attractively located and a place where the many friends of the Doctor and his estimable wife find genuine hospitality.

WESLEY J. WINKLER.

The most elaborate history is necessarily a merciless abridgment, the historian being compelled to select his facts and materials from manifold details. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of incident, and yet in summing up the career of any man the writer must needs touch only the more salient points, giving the keynote of the character but eliminating all that is superfluous. Within the pages of this work will be found mention of many prominent and influential citizens whose lives have been practically passed in Wayne county and who are representatives of sturdy pioneer families who settled in this section of Ohio many years ago. Among this class is the subject of this sketch, who occupies today a prominent place in the business circles of Orrville.

W. J. Winkler first saw the light of day about three miles west of Orrville on the 13th of February, 1857, and is a son of J. W. Winkler. The latter also was a native of Wayne county, having been born and reared at Paradise. He followed the pursuit of farming during his active years, and his death occurred in 1900 at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a prominent man in his community and had given efficient service as trustee. He married Elizabeth Johnson, who was born and reared about five miles west of Orrville, and who is now living in the town of Orrville, at the age of eighty-two years. By this union she became the mother of eight children, who are briefly mentioned as follows: Minerva E. died in Kansas; J. C. lives in Orrville; William F. lives about five miles north of Orrville; L. C., who was a successful teacher and a prominent citizen of Wayne county, is deceased; W. J., the subject of this sketch, is the next in the order of birth; Sarah is the wife of Henry Deneka, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Emma lives in Orrville; Walter E. lives at Buda, Illinois.

W. J. Winkler remained under the parental roof during his youth and received a good common school education. He followed the pursuit of farming until he was twenty-six years old, when, in 1883, he went to Orr-



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ville and engaged in the buying and selling of horses. His enterprise met with success almost from the start and he carried it on alone until 1900, when a stock company was organized under the name of the Winkler Horse Company, for the purpose of enlarging the scope of operations. Of this company Mr. Winkler was elected president and has continued to direct the management of its affairs. The company has done a tremendous amount of business since its inception, some idea of which may be gained from the statement that in 1906 they deposited in the Orrville Bank the sum of four hundred and ninety-seven thousand dollars, and the business has since grown to a far greater figure. The business consists in buying, feeding, shipping and handling horses, many of which are sold to farmers throughout this section of the state. From fifteen hundred to twenty-five hundred horses are handled annually, and consists principally of feeding horses, which are developed into the perfect type of draft horses and sold to farmers in this vicinity.

In 1893 Mr. Winkler inaugurated monthly auction sales, selling consigned horses, and this department of the business has increased to such an extent that now they have weekly auction sales. They are equipped to handle any number of horses which may be consigned to them, their barn having a capacity for accommodating one hundred and fifty head. They maintain their own veterinary surgeon and hospital, so that any stock placed in their charge receives the best of care and attention. They handle much high-grade stock, many fresh western horses passing through their hands. Mr. Winkler himself is a good judge of equine flesh and often makes purchases of good horses for others who prefer to trust to his judgment.

Mr. Winkler takes a commendable interest in local affairs, and has served as a member of the Orrville town council. He is a Democrat, but does not take a very active part in political matters.

On the 27th of September, 1888, Mr. Winkler was united in marriage to Emma Kradill, the daughter of Christian Kradill, of Lewisville, Stark county, Ohio, she having been born and reared on a farm near there. To this union five children have been born, as follows: Edith May, Frederick N., Beulah E., Nellie E. and Robert J., the last-named dying at the age of four years.

Mr. Winkler gives practically his entire time to his business affairs, in which he is meeting with creditable and well-deserved success. All that he has is the reward of his own labor, and his life record proves what a potent element is diligence in the active affairs of life.

JOSIAH F. ROYER.

Many precious rights and customs of our rural ancestry are gone or stealing from us, due primarily to the changes always resulting from the march of civilization, but we all delight to think of the days of the "first settler" and the "good old times" of the pioneer, when our ancestors began life in the wilderness, contending with all manner of obstacles, but conquering all. A descendant from such historic stock is Josiah F. Royer, of Greene township, Wayne county. He was born in Stark county, Ohio, August 6, 1855, the son of Gabriel and Anna (Conrad) Royer. Gabriel Royer was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1828, a son of Jacob Royer. In the spring of 1849 the former came to Stark county, Ohio, and in March, 1860, he came on to Wayne county and located on the farm where Josiah F. Royer, of this sketch, now resides, and here he lived until his death in 1896. His wife, Anna Conrad, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1828, and her death occurred on January 21, 1891. They grew to maturity in Lancaster county and were married there on September 11, 1838. They owned sixty acres of land in Stark county, Ohio, and one hundred and sixty-eight acres in Wayne county. Gabriel Royer was a very successful farmer. He belonged to the German Baptist church. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Lusianna, William, Urias C., Catherine, Levi, Adam, Lydia, Daniel, Nathaniel, Josiah, Mermassas, Enos and Anna.

Josiah F. Royer was five years of age when his parents brought him to Wayne county and he has been a continuous resident here ever since, being now one of the substantial citizens of Greene township. He worked on the home farm and attended the district schools until he was twenty-one years of age in district No. 1, this township. He prepared himself for a teacher, but did not follow that profession, preferring to lead the freer life of the husbandman.

Mr. Royer was married on December 19, 1885, to Anna B. Seigley, a native of Pennsylvania, where she was born July 30, 1862. She is a sister of J. M. Seigley.

After his marriage, Mr. Royer located on the old homestead and managed the place successfully for a period of six years, then moved to Milton township, where he lived for one year, then moved to the farm, where he now resides, in 1893. He owns eighty-four acres in section 2, Greene township, and he has a well-kept farm and a good home, and he raises some excellent stock from year to year.

To Mr. and Mrs. Royer seven children have been born, namely: Della M., October 5, 1886; John A., December 23, 1887; Alpha B., September 29, 1890; Alice L., July 19, 1893; Harry O., November 26, 1895; Clarence N., February 26, 1901; Arthur J., January 22, 1903.

Mrs. Josiah F. Royer was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1862, the daughter of John B. Seigley. In 1867 she came with her parents to Wayne county, Ohio, and located in Greene township. She was educated in the Smithville schools, and her parents made their home in this township the remainder of their lives.

Politically, Mr. Royer is a Democrat; he has served his township as assessor and he is now a member of the school board, having held this office for a period of nineteen years. He takes a great interest in the affairs of Greene township.

DAVIS DEMPSEY WOODWARD.

It is always a great comfort and gratification to descendants to be able to affirm that their parents, and in fact, all their ancestors, were people of exemplary habits and always lived respectable and honorable lives. On the contrary, what a sensation it must be to a man of excellent traits to contemplate the career of an immediate ancestry of low and mean instincts and dishonorable practices. In examining the lineage of David Dempsey Woodward, of Chester township, Wayne county, the biographer finds that they were men and women of the highest standards of honor, many of their excellent traits descending to the present generation of those who bear this name. Of these, Davis D. Woodward is one of the best-known, having been born September 20, 1849, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, the son of Davis and Mary (Boyd) Woodward. His maternal grandparents were Robert and Rebecca Boyd, natives of Pennsylvania and of Scotch descent. Robert Boyd was a farmer and a prominent man in the affairs of his county, having been associate judge of Fayette county; his death occurred in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents of the subject were Caleb and Phoebe Woodward, natives of Fayette county, though of English descent, and they spent their lives in the Keystone state. The original Woodwards in this country first located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The father of the subject was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1810, and Mary Boyd, his wife, was born there in 1815. They married in their native community. Mr. Woodward spent his life farming and he became very well-to-do, being well known

throughout the county where he lived. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity, eight of them now living. The father of these children was an extensive horse and stock dealer. In connection with farming he always did a large business buying and selling horses. His death occurred in 1881 and that of his wife in 1888.

Davis Dempsey Woodward was educated in the common schools of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and reared on the home farm. He began farming early in life on a part of his father's estate, continuing thus for twenty-eight or twenty-nine years. In 1902 he moved to Wayne county, Ohio, and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty-eight acres in Chester township, which was already improved and on which he has carried on general farming and stock raising, being still actively engaged in these lines.

Mr. Dempsey was married on February 22, 1872, to Eliza Leighty, a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Stephen and Eliza Leighty, an old Pennsylvania family. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodward eleven children have been born, namely: Mary (deceased), Stephen L., David, Lydia Melvina, Phoebe, Leslie, Eastman, Jesse (deceased), Guy, Eliza and Samuel.

In politics Mr. Woodward is a Democrat and his wife is a member of the German Reformed church.

DAVID BOWMAN.

In examining into the life records of most of the citizens of Wayne county, Ohio, the biographer finds that over two-thirds of the families living here today are descendants of Pennsylvania stock, and, without invidious comparison, it may be added that no more progressive and honorable citizenship has ever been produced by any section of this great union of states. In this number David Bowman must be included, for his birth occurred in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1841, but most of his life has been spent in Wayne county, Ohio. He is the son of David and Mary (Gelbricks) Bowman, both natives of the Keystone state, where they lived and died, David Bowman having devoted his life to blacksmithing. He was a member of the Reformed church and his wife was a Lutheran, while politically, Mr. Bowman was a Republican. They were the parents of fourteen children, five of whom are living at this writing.

David Bowman was educated in the common schools and reared on the farm, where he learned those lessons of fortitude and self-reliance that have

stood him so well in hand during his later life. In 1866 he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and located at Lattasburg, working here and at West Salem and getting a good start. In about 1879 he bought a farm of about sixty acres near Lattasburg, which he still owns and on which he has erected attractive and substantial buildings and in many ways improved the place. He has been very successful in his farming operations, and at present he lives practically retired, enjoying the fruits of his former years of labor.

Mr. Bowman was married in May, 1867, to Elizabeth Martin, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and the daughter of Christopher and Nancy (Worst) Martin, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Wayne county, Ohio. Mr. Martin came here when eighteen years of age. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. David Bowman were Henry and Barbara Worst, natives of the state of Pennsylvania and very early settlers in Wayne county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents of the subject's wife were Daniel and Elizabeth (Brakefield) Martin, also very early settlers here. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowman six children have been born, namely: Ida H., Edwin D., Ellen C., Alice L., Carrie and James C., the last named being deceased. Mrs. Bowman's death occurred on March 6, 1910.

An interesting and important chapter in the life of Mr. Bowman is that bearing on his military career, for when the dark clouds of rebellion hovered over the land he left all and offered his services in behalf of his country, enlisting in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he made a valiant soldier in many campaigns, taking part in many of the important and bloodiest battles of the war, including the Wilderness, Atlanta, Chickamauga, Richmond and Petersburg.

In politics Mr. Bowman is a Republican and he belongs to the Dunkard church.

WILLIAM PIPER.

William Piper was born October 22, 1827, near Steubenville, Jefferson county, Ohio, the son of John and Mary (Weishaupt) Piper. His paternal grandfather was John Piper, a soldier of the Revolutionary war for seven years, having taken part in the famous battle of Brandywine. He was a native of Philadelphia and died in Juniata county, Pennsylvania. William Piper's maternal grandfather was of German descent, commonly called Pennsylvania Dutch. All of the family, on both sides of the house, were born in that state. The father of the subject was born November 6, 1786, and died February 18,

David Hohenshil was educated in the common schools of Chester township, and during the summer months he worked on the home farm. He and his father bought the place, and the son inherited it at his father's death. In 1880 the son erected a fine dwelling, and in 1905 an excellent new "bank" barn. He has made a success of general farming, but merely manages his place at present, his son doing most of the work. It is generally conceded that the residence and barns are among the most modern in Wayne county, reflecting considerable credit on the owner.

Mr. Hohenshil was married on December 26, 1871, to Mary Ellen Funallman, a native of this county, and the daughter of Samuel and Regna (Emrick) Funallman, old settlers here, and this union has resulted in the birth of five children, namely: Bertha Mae, A. A., Edith Floy (living at home); Erin Clare, who died in infancy; Guy Ray, who is married and living at home. A. A. Hohenshil is married and on December 7, 1909, became the father of a boy, Carl.

This family has done remarkably well since grandfather Hohenshil first came here, for he had nothing but what he could carry on his back. He went to work in the dense forest, cleared out a small place for his cabin and in time had a good farm. He was a shoemaker by trade, which he worked at during the evenings, clearing his farm during the day. From such a hardy descendant has come the present generation of this name, who in every respect seem worthy of their sterling progenitor.

Politically, David Hohenshil is nominally a Democrat; however, he has of late turned his attention to the Prohibition workers. He has been a member of the United Brethren church since 1866; his wife is also a member of this denomination.

HON. FRANCIS MARION VANOVER.

A prominent business man and progressive citizen of Wooster and a leading representative of Wayne county is Francis Marion Vanover, for he is always to be found associated with every movement which seems to promise an addition to the general welfare of this community, its wealth, resources and enterprise. He is always on the alert and always ready when called upon to serve his fellow men, thereby meriting the high esteem in which he is held by all classes. He was born in Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, February 27, 1858, the son of David Vanover, a native of the same community, and who, at the age of seventy-two (1909), is still living in Con-



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gress township, having retired to his farm, after a successful and active life as a carpenter and builder. He has long taken a great deal of interest in local political affairs and he served as trustee and school director of Congress township. William Vanover, grandfather of the subject, was born in Holland, having come to America in an early day and settled in Pennsylvania, later, while still a young man, emigrating to Ohio. The maiden name of the mother of the subject was Margaret Ellen Crawford, who was born in Congress township and who died about ten years ago. The Crawford family descended from Revolutionary stock, all physically large, and the several members reared numerous children. To Mr. and Mrs. David Vanover twelve children were born, three of whom died in infancy. William, who moved to Kansas, married in that state and died there; his wife is also deceased. David Austin died in young manhood. Those living besides the subject are Jacob E. V., of Creston, Ohio; Charles Sherman, living near Burbank, Ohio; Julia is single and living at home with her father; Effie Jane is the wife of George Hagan, living at Barberton, Ohio, where Mr. Hagan is employed as machinist; Myrtle is the wife of James Mermill, of Canal Dover, who also is a machinist; Dora is the wife of Mr. Ebberly, living at East Palestine, Ohio.

Francis M. Vanover was born on the parental farm, where he lived until he was nineteen years of age, assisting with the work about the place and developing a strong, virile manhood. He then began working with his father at the carpenter's trade, later obtaining employment on the railroad as a bridge carpenter, working on both wooden and iron bridges. He received a fairly good education in the common schools, for he always applied himself very studiously to his text books. He also spent one year in the Wooster high school and one year at the academy at Burbank. After one and one-half years in railroad bridge work, he returned home and settled down on the farm which he purchased in Congress township, and for ten years he carried on agricultural pursuits in a very successful manner. Leaving the farm, he moved to Lodi, Ohio, and engaged in buying and shipping hay, straw and potatoes, living there for a period of four years; then he bought property in Wooster, moving soon afterwards, and began in the same line of business he had so successfully conducted at Lodi. He has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative business here which is constantly increasing under his judicious management and close application to his affairs. He has two large storage barns, one in Wooster, the other in Cedar Valley.

Mr. Vanover's domestic life began in 1883 when he formed a matrimonial alliance with Malinda J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Sum-

mers, of Canaan township, Wayne county, where Mrs. Vanover and her parents were born. Six children have been born to the subject and wife, as follows: Vida M., widow of Charles Kester, is living at home, and she is secretary of the Gerstenslager Buggy Company; Jennie is a teacher in the Yocums-Bixler Business College in Wooster; Gertrude is a long-distance operator for the telephone company at Wooster; Harry is a graduate of the local high school; Jesse is a high school student at this writing and will graduate with the class this year; Elmer is in school.

For many years Mr. Vanover has taken considerable interest in political matters and, being public spirited and evincing those qualities that stamp him as a leader of men, he was soon singled out by his fellow citizens for offices of public trust, and, useless to add, he has never betrayed the confidence thus reposed in him, making a very faithful and conservative representative of the people and performing his duties in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself. He was first elected to office in Congress township as school director and became chairman of the township board of education, which built several school houses. He was elected councilman from the fourth ward of Wooster; during his incumbency he was chairman of the street department, one of the most important committees. A criterion of his excellent standing among his fellow men is found in the fact that he has never sought office, but it seems that many positions of public trust have sought him, and he has always been elected when he has consented to run for office. In 1905 his Democratic friends selected him as their candidate for state senator before the voters' primary, and he carried thirteen out of the sixteen townships and was triumphantly elected at the general election. During his term in the Senate he was a member of several large and important committees, including the finance committee, and he always made his influence felt in that important body, being an able representative of his constituents, and his voice was often heard championing the people's rights in an able and conscientious manner. He served as senator up to 1909. He was a member of every committee appointed to purchase state property; however, he never solicited a single place. He was a member of the committee that inspected the city of Cleveland. He enjoyed the confidence of his colleagues to a remarkable degree.

Judging from his eminently worthy record of the past and the fact that he is only in the prime of life, the future for him will evidently be replete with honor and greater success than he has yet achieved. The Senator is especially interested in the welfare of the farmers, and during his career in the Senate he had the support of every farm paper in the state. He de-

clined the support for lieutenant-governor in 1908 when it was repeatedly offered to him.

Senator Vanover is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled every chair in the local lodge; he belongs to the Kilbuck Encampment and is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mrs. Vanover belongs to the German Reformed church, which the Senator attends and liberally supports.

GEORGE PFEIFFER.

No man who has lived in Chester township, Wayne county, in recent years left behind him a more honorable record than the late George Pfeiffer, who was a man whom everybody liked owing to his genuine kindness, generosity and unswerving honesty. He was a good neighbor, husband and father and left his family well provided for. As his name implies, he was an American by adoption only, having been born in Germany, January 29, 1839, the son of Philip and Mary Pfeiffer. In a very early day the family came to America and located in Cedar Valley, Wayne county, Ohio, and there the parents lived the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, four of whom are living at this writing. Philip Pfeiffer became an extensive landowner and an influential citizen here. His son, Philip, now lives on the place, and, like his father, is a good manager and is doing well. The elder Pfeiffer was a pronounced Democrat in his political views, but he never aspired for public office, preferring to devote his time exclusively to his individual affairs.

George Pfeiffer was educated in the common schools of Chester township, having been a mere boy when his parents brought him here. He was reared on the home farm, which he assisted in developing during the time he was not in school, and he accordingly took up farming and first worked for wages by the month. About 1880 he bought a farm of one hundred and twelve acres in Chester township, having prospered from the first and saved his money, so that he became well fixed in reference to this world's affairs. On this place he erected a large and substantial barn in 1881, and the following year built a fine residence, which is still the home of his widow. He engaged in the various lines of farming and stock raising and was regarded as one of the leading farmers of the township. Politically he was a Democrat, but not a partisan, having taken little interest in local matters, though he was always ready to do his share of the work in promoting the interest of his

community. He was a member of the Reformed church, of which his widow is also a member.

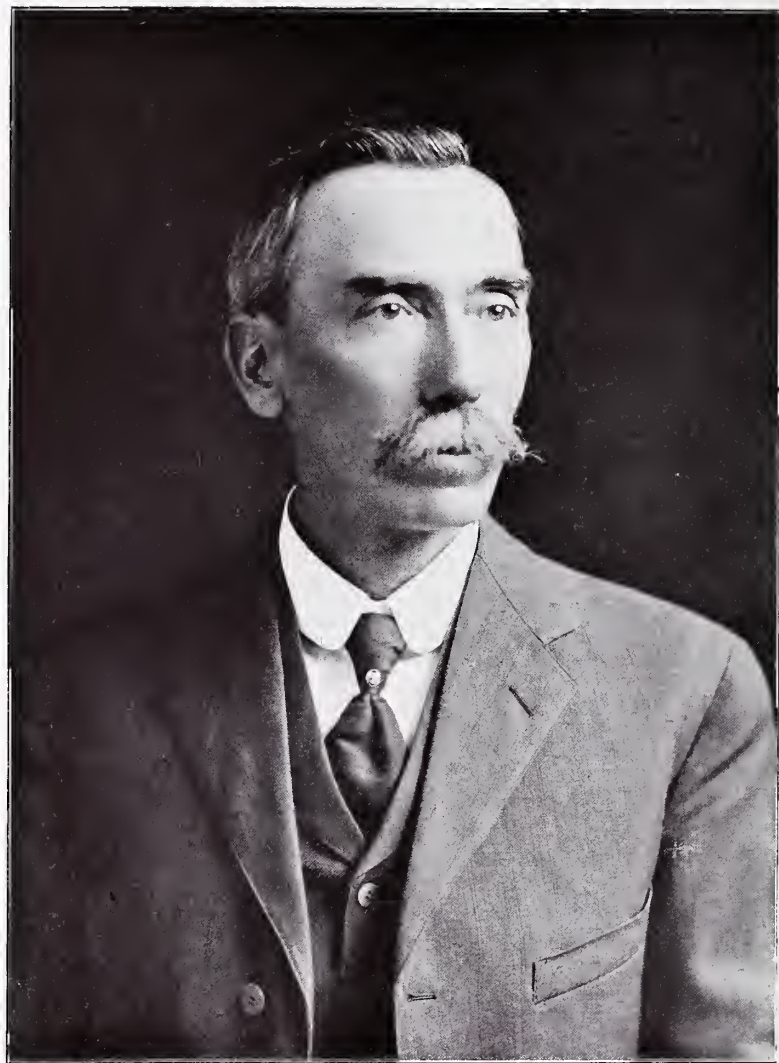
Mr. Pfeiffer was married in 1862 to Martha Mowery, who was born and reared in Wayne county, Ohio, the daughter of John and Jane Mowery, an excellent old family, having been among the first settlers here. They came from Germany with their parents in a very early day and helped clear up this country. Mr. Mowery was a staunch Republican and he engaged in farming on a very extensive scale. Both he and his faithful wife are sleeping the sleep of the just. To Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer four children were born, namely: Mary Jane, wife of Frank Fair and the mother of three children; Sarah Ellen and Charles Allen (twins), the former deceased, and the latter is managing the home farm; Harvey died in infancy. Mrs. Pfeiffer is a woman of pleasing characteristics and she and her children have hosts of friends in this township.

The death of George Pfeiffer occurred on July 4, 1896. All who knew him are unstinted in their praise of his many sterling qualities as a man and citizen, and he will long be missed in this community.

JOHN H. WILEY.

John H. Wiley is one of the prominent business men of Wayne county, his home being in West Salem, Congress township. He has met with creditable success and has commanded uniform confidence and respect by his business methods, so that the record of his career is full of interest. In all his trade transactions he has been honorable; at all times he has been energetic; he forms his plans readily, carries them forward to successful completion, and is now enjoying well-merited prosperity.

John H. Wiley is a native son of the Buckeye state, having been born in Ashland county on the 21st of July, 1859. He is the son of William H. and Mary S. (Mason) Wiley. His paternal grandparents, Thomas and Mary (Vanica) Wiley, were natives of Pennsylvania, but in 1837 they came to Ohio, settling in Ashland county, where they took up land from the government. They were successful farmers and stood high in the community. The subject's maternal grandparents, Andrew and Elizabeth (Heffner) Mason, were also natives of the Keystone state, and they too came and settled in Ashland county, where they spent the remainder of their days. Thomas Wiley and a brother were veterans of the war of 1812. The subject's father,



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MRS. J. H. WILEY

William H. Wiley, was reared on the parental homestead in Ashland county and received his education in the common schools. On attaining mature years he took up the vocation of farming, which he followed throughout his active years. He died on December 31, 1888, and his widow is still living at the age of seventy-four years. They were the parents of four children, all of whom are living. They were prominent members of the Evangelical church, in which they took a prominent part.

The subject of this sketch was reared in the Ashland county home and secured a good education in the common schools. He then entered Ashland College, being a student there during the first year of its existence. He then attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada and later the Mansfield Business College, from which he graduated with the class of 1889. In the meantime he had engaged in teaching school and was so employed about twelve years, embracing a period before and after his attendance at business college. Mr. Wiley then went into the hardware business at West Salem, to which place he had moved in 1894, and was so occupied about a year and a half, when he discontinued it. Since that time he has been to some extent engaged in farming, but has made a specialty of buying and shipping all kinds of poultry, in which enterprise he has been successful to a gratifying degree. He is energetic and progressive and has been successful in all his enterprises.

Mr. Wiley has also, in company with F. L. Berry, started the Farmers' Bank at West Salem, which is meeting with splendid success.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Wiley was elected mayor of West Salem, serving from 1898 to 1900, he being compelled to decline re-election because of moving to his farm. Returning to reside in West Salem, he was elected councilman, and then was again elected mayor to fill out an unexpired term, and has been re-elected twice to the office, thus having served in this responsible position during the past six consecutive years. He has given the office his careful attention and has given the town a practical, business administration, reflecting honor upon himself and benefiting the community at large.

Socially he is a member of West Salem Lodge, No. 442, Free and Accepted Masons, and Lodge No. 85, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Ashland. His religious membership is in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs, and to this society they give an earnest and generous support.

On the 29th of April, 1900, Mr. Wiley was united in marriage to Harriet M. Berry, a native of Wayne county and a daughter of Richard and

Ann M. Berry, early settlers at West Salem, where they are now living. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Wiley is recognized as a man of executive ability and enterprise and is numbered among the leading citizens of his community.

JONATHAN FETZER.

Among the representative citizens of Chester township, Wayne county, Ohio, who, while advancing their own interests, have not been unmindful of their duties to their neighbors and to the state as well, is Jonathan Fetzer, a native of Canaan township, this county, his birth occurring January 7, 1846, the son of Frederick and Alutia Ann (Hoff) Fetzer. His paternal grandparents were Barnhart and Magdalena Fetzer, natives of Bern, Switzerland, who, in 1832, came to America and located in Canaan township, Wayne county, Ohio, where they entered government land. At that time the nearest post-office was Cleveland. When Barnhart Fetzer came here he walked from Cleveland, to which place he returned after viewing the land which he desired to enter, and from there he wrote to his family, who were left at Buffalo, to join him here. He entered one hundred and sixty acres and lived the remainder of his days here. The maternal grandparents of Jonathan Fetzer were Jacob and Elizabeth Hoff, natives of and reared to maturity in Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Wayne county, Ohio, in wagons in 1830, a few years before Barnhart Fetzer and his family came here. The Hoffs settled in Milton township and there spent the remainder of their days. The father of the subject was born in France in 1822, having come to America with his parents. His wife, Alutia Ann Hoff, was born in Wayne county, Ohio. Soon after their marriage they began farming, but Mr. Fetzer became an invalid from rheumatism and could do but little work, so, later in life, he depended entirely upon his children for support. He lived a temperate, quiet, retired life. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity and are living at this writing. During the Civil war the father, Frederick Fetzer, was a loyal Union man, but not a soldier, though he did all he could at home for the Federal government. He was a member of a committee in Canaan township whose duty it was to collect whatever they could that would be of aid and comfort to the soldiers at the front. While engaged in this work he rode on horseback from house to house.

Jonathan Fetzer, of this sketch, was educated in the common schools in Canaan township and the Canaan Academy. He learned the carpenter's

trade which he followed for a few years when a young man and finally went to farming. Later he took up threshing, which he followed for a period of seventeen years, becoming known as one of the leading threshing-machine operators in this locality, and this, in connection with his farming, made him a very comfortable living. He was slightly disabled and gave up the threshing business, devoting his attention exclusively to farming, which he has continued ever since. In 1873 he purchased the place on which he now resides, consisting of one hundred and twenty-four acres in Chester township. He has put all the improvements on the place, cleared half of the land and in many ways rendered it attractive and valuable. He has been an extensive breeder of Shorthorn and Jersey cattle, always dealing in registered stock of a very fine quality. He has never kept many hogs or sheep, but his cattle have attracted a great deal of attention.

Mr. Fetzer was married in 1867 to Rebecca Brinkerhoff, the daughter of James Brinkerhoff, mentioned elsewhere in this work, and this union has resulted in the birth of eight children, namely: Charles, Blanche, Ellen, Martha, Mary, Bessie, Riley and James; the last named is engaged in the real estate business in Wooster, Ohio.

Mr. Fetzer is a Democrat and he has taken much interest in local affairs. He very ably served on the local school board for thirteen years consecutively, and he has long been a school director. He was a township trustee for seven years. Such long service would indicate the high standing of Mr. Fetzer in his community and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

L. LYMAN SOLIDAY.

Among the well-known agriculturists of Plain township, Wayne county, who have made a success in life because they have worked for it and spent their lives in looking after their individual affairs instead of making everybody's business their own, is L. L. Soliday, who was born on the old Soliday homestead in Plain township, November 20, 1865. His father, John Soliday, was born in Plain township, and his mother, Susan Spar, was born in Wayne county. John Soliday, who was a farmer, died in September, 1893; his widow survives and lives with her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Alexander. They had children as follows: Ida May married A. S. Alexander and lives in Plain township; William A.; Sidney Grat; L. L., the subject of this sketch.

L. L. Soliday was educated at the Union Hall school house in this township, where he spent his time during the winter months, working on the home place during the crop seasons, assisting his father with his work. Later he farmed on the home place on his own account. He has always been considered a good farmer and consequently he got a good start in life at a much earlier age than many who have followed the same line of endeavor. In 1896 he purchased fifty acres southeast of Reedsburg where he has since resided, carrying on general farming and making a very comfortable living, as a result of his good management and close application to his business. He has a very comfortable home and keeps some fine poultry and livestock.

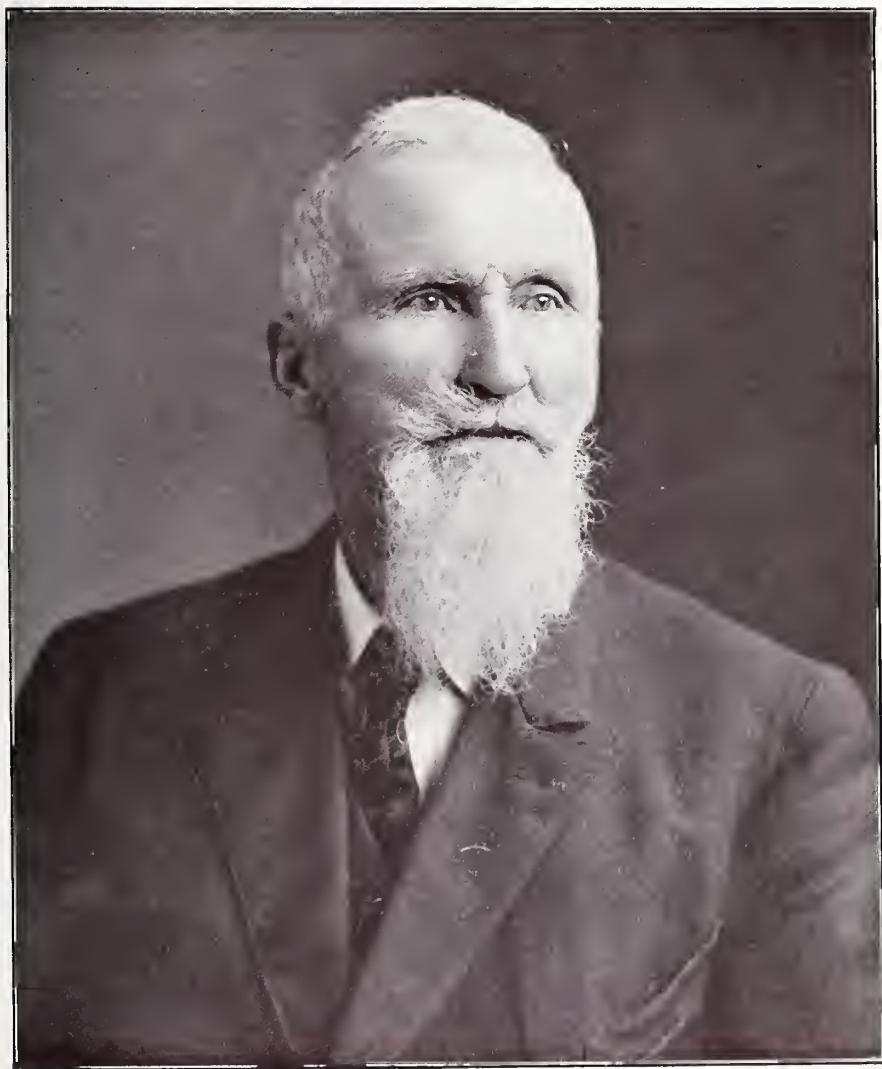
Mr. Soliday was married on February 17, 1891, to Clara Bower, daughter of Frederick Bower, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. This union has resulted in the birth of two children, Russell and Paul.

In his political relations Mr. Soliday is a Democrat, and he has long taken considerable interest in local affairs. He has served several years on the board of education in Plain township, and served very acceptably as assessor of Plain township. Fraternally, he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Religiously he belongs to the Lutheran church and Mrs. Soliday and the children are members of the Reformed church. They are regarded by their neighbors as excellent people.

ORLOW H. WERTENBERGER.

It is not an easy task to describe adequately a man who has led an eminently active and useful life and who has attained a position of relative distinction in the community with which his interests are allied. But biography finds its most perfect justification, nevertheless, in the tracing and recording of such a life history. It is, then, with a full appreciation of all that is demanded and of the painstaking scrutiny that must be accorded each statement, and yet with a feeling of satisfaction, that the writer essays the task of touching briefly upon the details of such a record as has been that of the honored subject whose life now comes under review, Orlow H. Wertenberger, a successful agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen of Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio.

Orlow H. Wertenberger is a native son of the Buckeye state, having first seen the light of day in Jackson township, Ashland county, on the 25th of January, 1868. He is the son of George and Jane (Berry) Wertenber-



GEO. WERTENBERGER

ger, who will be mentioned in a later paragraph. The subject was reared with his parents and received a good education, attending the common schools and the Congress high school, after which he attended Baldwin University, at Berea, Ohio, two years, completing his education by taking a through course at the Cleveland Business College. He was then employed with the Erie Railroad Company three years, after which he went to Schenectady, New York, as private secretary for A. J. Pitkin, who was engaged in the locomotive business there. After the organization of the combine of locomotive building companies, Mr. Wertenberger became chief clerk for the American Locomotive Works, in which Mr. Pitkin was interested, and subsequently was transferred to the mechanical engineering department in the capacity of chief clerk. He was connected with this concern until 1904, when he returned to his father's farm and has since been occupied in its management. He has demonstrated his fitness to manage agricultural duties as well as business affairs and has already achieved a distinctive success as a farmer. He gives his attention to a general and diversified system of farming, with which he combines stock raising, and in both these lines he has been enabled to realize a handsome profit. He keeps the farm up to the highest standard and in the community he has earned the esteem and respect of his fellow agriculturists.

On October 17, 1893, Mr. Wertenberger married Sarah Good, the daughter of Joel and Margaret Good, early settlers in Dalton, this county. To this union have been born seven children, namely: George Ellis, Paul Edward, Edith Estelle, Mildred (deceased at the age of two years), Leland Good, Willard Earl and Mary Alberta. In politics Mr. Wertenberger is a stanch Republican and takes a commendable interest in public affairs, though he is not an aspirant for public office of any nature. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Socially, the subject is an appreciative member of the time-honored order of Free and Accepted Masons, holding membership in George Lodge, No. 6, at Schenectady, New York. His many admirable qualities of heart and mind have gained for him a large circle of friends.

George Wertenberger, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in what was Jackson township, Wayne county, Ohio, but is now Ashland county, on the 22d of January, 1836. He was the son of Isaac and Katherine (Bower) Wertenberger, both natives of Stark county, Ohio. The paternal great-grandfather was a native of Germany, who emigrated to Pennsylvania in an early day. His son George moved to Stark county, Ohio, where he farmed and reared his family. The maternal grandfather, Benjamin Bower,

was a native of the little republic of Switzerland. He emigrated to America, locating first in New York state, but subsequently coming to Stark county, Ohio. He became a farmer here and in 1826 he moved to Wayne county. There his father-in-law had entered a quarter section of land for each of his children, at a cost of one dollar and a quarter per acre, and there Isaac and Katherine Wertenberger made their future home and reared their family. Isaac Wertenberger was a Democrat in politics, but never aspired to public office. They became the parents of six children, of whom George Wertenberger is the only one now living. The father died in 1873 and his wife in 1868.

George Wertenberger received his education in an old log school house which stood near the line between Wayne and Ashland counties, and when he had attained mature years he took up the pursuit of farming. At the age of twenty-five years he enlisted in Company C, of the Third Regiment Ohio Cavalry, with which command he served valiantly for three years, receiving his discharge shortly after the siege of Atlanta. He was a participant in the famous battle at Chickamauga and took part in about fifty other battles and skirmishes, in one of which he was wounded in the right arm. At the conclusion of his military service he resumed his farming operations. Buying a part of the old homestead farm, he remained there until 1877, when he moved to another place and eventually bought a smaller place just east of the old home, where he has since lived, being now retired from active farm labor.

On the 25th of December, 1862, Mr. Wertenberger married Jane Berry, a native of Wayne county, and the daughter of Henry and Maria Berry, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in this county. To George and Jane Wertenberger were born four children, namely: Orlow, who is mentioned at length in preceding paragraphs; Charles is engaged in home mission work; Grace M., who also is a missionary; one died in infancy unnamed. Mrs. Jane Wertenberger died on the 23d of April, 1888, and in 1892 Mr. Wertenberger married Anna L. Zaring, of Jefferson, Ohio. To this union one son has been born, John, whose natal day was November 14, 1897.

In politics George Wertenberger was reared a Democrat, but turned Republican after the war, and then supported the Prohibition party. In religion he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Socially he is a member of West Salem Lodge, No. 39, Free and Accepted Masons, and at one time he was a member of the Grange. A man of excellent personal traits of character, Mr. Wertenberger has long enjoyed and still retains the warm friendship of all who know him.

JOHN I. SWINEHART.

Back to the stirring days of the American Revolution John I. Swinehart, a representative citizen of Wayne county, Ohio, traces his ancestry, and it is a matter of no small amount of self-gratification that he can say that, without exception, they have borne honorable names and played well their parts in whatever community they have lived. The immediate subject of this sketch was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1857, the son of Josiah and Martha (Meck) Swinehart. His maternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Nudeing) Meck, were also natives of Pennsylvania, in which state they spent their entire lives. John Meck was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and a man of much physical courage. The paternal grandparents of the subject also lived and died in the old Keystone state. Josiah Swinehart, father of John I., was born in Pennsylvania in 1825 and his wife, Martha Meck, was also born there in the same year, having been one month older than her husband. They grew up in their native community and married there; coming to Ohio in 1871, they settled in Chester township on a farm; however, much of Josiah's time was taken up with his practice of veterinary surgery, he having been regarded as an expert of the old school. He first settled on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he rented in Chester township, but later purchased a farm of an equal number of acres, and after making several changes spent his last days in Lattasburg, dying in 1903. His widow, who is still living, is a woman whom everybody admires for her motherly kindness. She and her husband became the parents of eleven children, namely: George, Kate, Henry, Maria, Amos, John, Lydia (deceased), Philip, Lizzie, William and Ezra (deceased). The father of these children gave most of his attention to his personal affairs, taking little interest in public matters. In 1864 he was drafted for service in the Union army, but hired a substitute.

John I. Swinehart was educated in the public schools of this county, having been twelve years of age when he came to this community. He worked on the home farm in his boyhood days, consequently he quite naturally took to agricultural pursuits and, having made a success of the same from the first, he was enabled to purchase a fine farm of ninety-five acres in about 1890, his place being one of the best improved in Chester township. In 1905 he built a new barn, ample and modern, but unfortunately lost it by fire. He also remodeled his house, making it quite comfortable. Besides carrying on general farming, he breeds Durham cattle and Ohio Improved Chester hogs, preparing considerable stock for market, which always brings excellent prices, owing to their high grade.

Mr. Swinehart was married on February 13, 1883, to Emma Berry, a native of Ashland county, Ohio, and the daughter of William and Margaret (Shutt) Berry, old settlers of Jackson township, Ashland county. William Berry was a native of this state and his father, Jacob Berry, came here from Pennsylvania in a very early day. Margaret Shutt was also born in Ohio, and it was believed that her people also came from the old Keystone state in a very early day.

To Mr. and Mrs. Swinehart two children have been born, Kenneth, who died in infancy; Wayne B., born on October 4, 1888, is now a student in the Bixler Business College, where he is making a fine record.

In his political relations, Mr. Swinehart is a Republican; though for a time he voted the Prohibition ticket. Both Mr. and Mrs. Swinehart belong to the Lutheran church in New Pittsburg, Wayne county.

MILLER I. RUMBAUGH.

A prominent character in his vicinity and a man who delights in assisting others while laboring for his own advancement is Miller I. Rumbaugh, of Chester township, Wayne county, of which locality he is a native, having first seen the light of day here on March 13, 1862, the son of Solomon and Mary (Miller) Rumbaugh. His paternal grandfather was Adam Rumbaugh, who was born in 1793 in Northampton county, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Lauffer. His father served in the Revolutionary war. In the pioneer days of this county (1819), Adam Rumbaugh came here and settled in Chester township, locating on a farm now owned by D. D. Woodward. His wife's father had entered the land from the government, and there they spent the remainder of their lives. The maternal grandparents of Miller I. Rumbaugh were Abram and Sarah (Rouch) Miller, the former a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania. In a very early day he came to Wayne county, Ohio, locating on a farm, which he worked in connection with maintaining a blacksmith shop on his place. This farm is now owned by Peter Firestone. Sarah Rouch, the wife of the former, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, where she married Mr. Miller. They spent their last days in Chester township, Mr. Miller having followed farming and blacksmithing all his life.

Solomon Rumbaugh, father of the subject, was born December 17, 1826, and his wife, Mary Miller, on September 1, 1832, and in 1855 they were married in this county. Mr. Rumbaugh was a farmer and owned one

hundred acres in this township which he cleared and improved. In politics he was a Democrat and always took an active interest in political matters. He and his wife attended the Reformed church, but the latter was a member of the Lutheran church. They were the parents of six children, namely: Philena J., born November 12, 1856, died in Sterling, this county, on May 4, 1908; Sarah O., born December 5, 1860, married Howard Wile, of Barberton, Ohio; Miller I., of this review; Minnie E., born February 24, 1869, is the wife of J. K. Wilkinson, of Jamaica, California; Chalmer A., born October 4, 1870, died February 9, 1893, when twenty-two years of age; Lydia M., born May 5, 1875, is the wife of J. M. Slough, of San Diego, California. The father of these children lived a quiet, retired life, dying February 9, 1892, his wife having preceded him to the "narrow house" on September 24, 1891.

Miller I. Rumbaugh was educated in the common schools and in the Smithville Academy, becoming well educated. After leaving school he returned to the farm, on which he did a great deal of work as his father grew older. In December, 1889, he purchased one hundred and forty acres belonging to Isaac Rumbaugh (deceased) and there he lived for three years, when he sold to his father all but ten acres and then bought the old home farm, consisting of one hundred acres, which he has since managed very successfully. He raises high grade stock, but not thoroughbreds. He is a great admirer of horses, notwithstanding the fact that they have in the past used him rather badly, for when he was only nine years of age a team of horses ran away with him while he was harrowing and threw him thirty feet into a pile of stones, injuring the right side of his face and the optic nerve, causing blindness in one eye later in life. He lay unconscious for twenty-four hours and was thought to be dead. When thirteen years of age he was kicked by a horse and again it was thought that he had been killed, for he was unconscious for three or four hours.

Mr. Rumbaugh was married on December 24, 1889, to Martha E. Swinehart, who was born May 19, 1864, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Josiah and Martha (Meck) Swinehart, also natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. They came to Ohio in the spring of 1870 and located in Chester township on a farm now owned by John Muir. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rumbaugh, namely: Philena M., February 19, 1891, died in infancy; Russell C., April 2, 1892; Merna A., November 20, 1894; M. Dewey, April 23, 1897; Lulu M., March 5, 1900; Mary Jane, January 8, 1903; Victor E., June 8, 1906, is deceased.

Politically Mr. Rumbaugh is a Democrat. He was elected land appraiser of Chester township in 1899 and performed the duties of this office in a most satisfactory manner, being again elected to that office in 1909. Religiously the Reform church claims the membership of himself, wife and oldest daughter, Merna A.

WILLIS D. FUNK.

A useful and influential man in his community is W. D. Funk, who is successfully conducting a general store at the village of Funk, Wayne county, being a well known citizen of this part of the county. He was born on the farm adjoining that of his grandparents in 1871, the son of Zenas and Emma (Tyler) Funk, both natives of Wayne county. The paternal grandparents of the subject were Hugh and Elizabeth Kenan (Cornell) Funk, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. They came to Wayne county, Ohio, in a very early day and, like the rest of the pioneers, literally hewed out a site for their home in the wilderness and established themselves on primitive soil. At that time the city of Wooster had but fourteen houses; they first settled in Clinton township. In 1834 they entered a farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres, all timbered, which they cleared and developed, both living on the place the remainder of their days. Hugh Funk died in 1879, while his widow survived until 1904, reaching the remarkable age of ninety-five years.

The maternal grandparents of W. D. Funk were William and Cordelia (Whitford) Tyler. One of Mr. Tyler's brothers founded Tylertown, Ashland county, Ohio, in an early day. William and his father Benjamin lived there for a short time, then moved near Funk, Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio; they were both farmers, William Tyler also acting as sewing machine salesman, also a shoemaker.

Zenas Funk, father of W. D. Funk, was a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, having enlisted in the Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1861 and served faithfully until 1865. He was educated in the common schools of his native community and when he reached manhood bought the farm adjoining his father's place, on which he lived and prospered until 1904, when he retired to Jeromeville, Ashland county, this state. He owned in all two hundred and seventy-five acres, but he has disposed of all his land except a farm of eighty-eight acres, and is leading a quiet life, enjoying the fruits of his former years of labor. In politics he is a

Republican and he has served his community as township trustee, always taking an active part in his party's affairs. He is a member of the Disciple church. His family consisted of three sons and one daughter, one child dying in infancy.

W. D. Funk was educated in the home schools and spent one winter in school at the Ada Normal, receiving a very good education. In the spring of 1895 he entered the general mercantile business at Funk, this township, and has continued in this line to the present time, having built up an excellent and extensive patronage with the surrounding community, handling a carefully selected stock of goods, which, according to the statement of many of his customers, are always disposed of at reasonable prices. He is also agent for the Ashland & Western railroad.

Mr. Funk was married in 1894 to Bertha Allaman, the daughter of a highly respected family, and this union has resulted in the birth of three children, Carl, Irene and Clair.

Mr. Funk is a member of the Christian church and politically he is a Republican. He has won a reputation for absolute fairness in all his business. He believes in supporting all measures looking to the welfare of the community at large, desiring to see others prosper as well as himself.

HENRY C. WINTERSTEEN.

A descendant of a worthy old family of Wayne county, Ohio, members of which have figured prominently in the affairs of the same for considerably more than a half century, is H. C. Wintersteen, a native of Chester township, this county, where he first saw the light of day, December 28, 1857, the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Hileman) Wintersteen, both natives of Pennsylvania, in which state the subject's paternal grandparents both died. His maternal grandparents were Joseph and Anna (DeFrane) Hileman, also natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Wayne county, Ohio, about 1856, having made the overland trip from the Keystone state in wagons and settled in Plain township, later moving to Chester township. Joseph Hileman was a farmer and a Republican in his political views. Benjamin Wintersteen was educated in the early schools of Pennsylvania, and early in life decided to become a carpenter and cabinetmaker, having become an efficient workman. He married in his native state, and later he and his wife came by wagon to Wayne county, accompanying the maternal grandparents of the

subject; he also settled in Plain township, where he continued his trade of carpenter, and while in Chester township he built the first barn. About 1865 he came to Reedsburg and there took up cabinetmaking and undertaking, soon conducting an excellent business, continuing in the same until his death, which occurred at an advanced age in 1895. He was a Republican and a member of the Reformed church at Reedsburg. His family consisted of ten children, namely: Anna Mary, Joseph Edwin, H. C. (of this review), Elizabeth, Emma, William, Viola, Laura, May, Hattie (died in infancy).

H. C. Wintersteen was educated in the Reedsburg public schools. He always worked with his father and at the latter's death he purchased his home and business, and is still continuing in the undertaking and furniture business, enjoying an excellent patronage with a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the township. His stock of goods is always up to date and his prices are right according to his customers.

Mr. Wintersteen was married in 1888 to Idella Barron, the daughter of Joseph and Amanda (Boffenmyer) Barron, her mother having been the daughter of David Boffenmyer; both these families were early settlers in Ashland county, but they later moved to Iowa. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wintersteen, Esther and Edison.

Politically, Mr. Wintersteen is a Republican, and he has very ably served on the school board at Reedsburg. Fraternally, he is a member of the Royal Arch Masons, of Wooster. He has made a success of his business affairs owing to his close application to whatever he has in hand and his honorable dealings with his fellow men, which has won their respect and confidence.

JOHN WESLEY SHEPPARD.

It is with marked satisfaction that the biographer adverts to the life of one who has attained success in any vocation requiring definiteness of purpose and determined action. Such a life, whether it be one of calm, consecutive endeavor or of sudden accomplishments, must abound in both lesson and incentive and prove a guide to others whose fortunes and destinies are still matters for the future to determine. The subject of this sketch is distinctively one of the representative agriculturists of Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio. For a number of years he directed his efforts toward the goal of success and by patient continuance in well doing succeeded at last in overcoming the many obstacles by which the pathway was beset.

John W. Sheppard was born at Congress, Wayne county, Ohio, on the



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4th of December, 1859, and is the son of John Tarr and Mary Ann (Madison) Sheppard, natives of Pennsylvania and Vermont respectively. The subject's paternal grandfather, Paoli Sheppard, was an early settler in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and there he erected a large log house, which was a favorite meeting place for the Methodists of that section. The maternal grandfather, Tenny Madison, was born in Vermont, but subsequently moved to Brownhelm, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his days. The subject's father was a blacksmith by vocation, and followed that occupation all his active years. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and enjoyed the high regard of all who knew them. They are both dead, the father's death occurring on November 25, 1883, and the mother's in 1895.

John W. Sheppard received his early education in the schools of Congress township and, under his father's direction, he learned the trade of a blacksmith, though he did not afterwards work at it. On attaining mature years, he was first employed at farm work, working by the month for several years. After his marriage, in 1883, he moved to Milton township, where he remained three years. In 1888 he bought a farm of thirty-two acres, in Congress township, to which he devoted his attention with such energy that he was able to buy additional land from time to time until by 1901 he was the owner of one hundred and three acres. He has recently added another tract of land to his holdings, and is now living practically retired on the home farm. His farm is a fine, fertile tract and Mr. Sheppard has been able to realize splendid returns for the labor he has bestowed. He makes a specialty of hay, of which he raises enormous quantities, and to him belongs the distinction of raising more hay per acre than any of his neighbors. For fourteen years he was in the hay business, buying and baling hay for the general market. He is careful and painstaking in his methods, and the appearance of the place is pleasing to the eye and indicative of an owner of good taste and sound judgment.

In politics Mr. Sheppard gives an unqualified support to the Republican party and has occupied a number of offices of responsibility. He was at one time clerk of Congress borough and a school director, and he also served as president of the board of education for three successive years. He was elected in November, 1909, trustee of Congress township and was appointed on the board of health. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order, being affiliated with the West Salem Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, West Salem Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Wooster Commandery, Knights Templar.

On the 6th of September, 1883, Mr. Sheppard wedded Eliza Crater, of Wayne county, the daughter of Peter and Sarah Crater, who were natives of Prussia, coming to the United States in a very early day. They located in Wayne county, where they reared their family of eleven children, all of whom are living, and of whom Mrs. Sheppard is the seventh in order of birth. The parents are both dead, the father passing away several years ago, while the mother's death occurred in November, 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard four children have been born, namely: Pansy V., the wife of Martin H. Barnard; they are the parents of two children, Elizabeth, born December 4, 1908, and Catherine, born February 8, 1910; Florence Isidore died in infancy; Ruby Marie was educated in the Wooster Conservatory of Music, and is now engaged in teaching that art and is organist of the Presbyterian church; R. Paul. Mr. Sheppard is a worthy representative of an honored family, one who, by reason of his sterling personal worth, deserves and is generally accorded that esteem which comes to those whose lives are in close touch with all that assists in advancing the community in which they live.

AI RYLAND.

A well-known resident of Plain township, where he has spent his entire life, is Ai Ryland, who was born July 15, 1856, on the farm where he now lives. This farm was entered nearly a century ago, 1812, by his grandfather, Henry Ryland, who came with his family from Vermont, making the long, toilsome journey in wagons. He was of Irish descent and a hardy pioneer, a New Englander of the most sterling qualities, to whom the western wilderness, with all its red men and wild beasts, had no terrors. Upon reaching this locality he at once cleared a spot and erected a log cabin. He was a hatter by trade and he made a good living by buying furs from the Indians, from which he made hats and sent them back to Eastern cities, where they found a ready market. There were five boys and several girls in his family. The girls busied themselves by raising flax and making it into cloth. They also carded wool and made clothing, raising large droves of sheep for this purpose. William, one of the sons of Henry Ryland, was one of the most famous and successful deer hunters in this country. This family lived for the most part on game, fish and vegetables. When they came here the city of Wooster had only three dwellings. One hundred and sixty acres were entered from the government, which the sons cleared when they became

old enough to swing the axe. Henry Ryland, the father, reached the advanced age of eighty-two years, dying on the land he entered from the government when he first came to this state. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was John Eagle, of English descent, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, from near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1836 and settled near Reedsburg, Plain township, with his family. He was a mason by trade, and he served as a drummer in the war of 1812, also in the Mexican war; his son, William, was also in the Mexican war; they both survived, the father dying in Reedsburg.

Henry Ryland, father of Ai Ryland, was two years of age when he came to Wayne county, and his youth was spent on the farm where the subject now lives, which the former assisted to clear. He finally bought out the heirs and lived here until his death, becoming one of the leading farmers of the community. One of his sons, William Henry, was a soldier in the Civil war for a period of three years.

Ai Ryland received his education in the common schools of Plain township. He began farming early, but later learned the cooper's trade, also the mason's trade, but neither of them seemed to appeal to him as strongly as farming; consequently he returned eventually to agricultural pursuits, buying out the heirs of the home place, and he has thus followed farming on the home place nearly all his life, having so skillfully managed his crops that, although the place is very old, it has retained its fertility and is yet very valuable.

Mr. Ryland was married on November 22, 1877, to Laura Otto, daughter of Michael Otto, mention of whom is made in the sketch of M. D. Otto on another page of this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Ryland two children have been born, John Wilson and Otto Brant.

Mr. Ryland was married the second time on March 22, 1899, to Mrs. Eliza Chesrown.

Politically, Mr. Ryland is a Democrat and fraternally a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. He has kept untarnished the good name borne by his forebears and is highly respected by all who know him.

JULIUS MOINE.

An old and highly respected citizen of Wayne county, Ohio, is Julius Moine, father of Charles R. Moine. The former was born on the farm he now owns in Milton township, August 18, 1837, the son of John P. and Mary (Schwan) Moine, both natives of Belford, France, having come to

America in 1833, making their way direct to Wayne county, Ohio, where they began farming, purchasing eighty acres, all timbered. This they cleared and developed into an excellent farm which in recent years has been added to.

Julius Moine was a member of a family of nine children. He was educated in the early schools of Milton township, assisted his father with the work on the farm until he was eighteen years of age, then worked at the carpenter's trade for four years. He had a natural talent for architecture and when only twenty-one years of age built the Catholic church near his home. During a part of the four years specified he was in Indiana and Iowa and turned some big jobs. In 1859 he purchased the home farm of eighty acres, later adding eighty acres more, and, after making quite a success at farming, sold the place in 1899.

Mr. Moine was married January 5, 1860, to Mary Petit, daughter of John Peter and Margaret (Qulosquin) Petit, both natives of Verdenal, county Blamant, France. They came to America in 1842, settled first at Marshallville, Wayne county, Ohio. Joseph Petit, father of John Peter Petit, came to Marshallville in 1832, coming by canal and wagon, and there purchased forty or fifty acres of land, cleared it and made a home.

To Julius Moine and wife the following children were born: Addie, John, Emma, Edward, Matilda E., Clara Jane, Lora Katherine, Arthur (deceased), Charles Raymond, George Alfred, Pear Clementine, Agre Minerva, Lewis Delbert and Melvin Theobald (deceased).

Julius Moine and wife and their children are members of the Catholic church. The father is a Democrat, and he has been township assessor and supervisor. He and his family are highly respected in this county or wherever they are known.

CHARLES EMBREE THORNE, M. S. A.

The record of Prof. Charles Embree Thorne, director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, and who is too well known to the people of Wayne county to need an introduction through this history, is that of a man who has worked his way from a modest beginning up to a position of considerable prominence by his persevering and practically unaided efforts, which fact renders him the more worthy of the praise that is freely accorded him by his fellow men. His life has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance, and the notably systematic and honorable methods he has followed



CHARLES E. THORNE.

have won the unbounded confidence and regard of all who have formed his acquaintance. Such strong, earnest characters of a people are always public benefactors. Their usefulness in the immediate specific labors they perform cannot be defined by metes and bounds, but the good they do through the forces they put in motion and through the inspiration of their presence and example is immeasurably an infinite gauge or standard of value. Professor Thorne is a man of this type. Although well known and highly esteemed, he is by nature conservative and averse to any notice savoring of adulation and prefers to let his achievements rather than the fulsome praise of the chronicler speak for him.

Professor Thorne was born in 1846 on a farm in Greene county, Ohio, and was educated in a country district school, supplemented by one term in 1866 at the Michigan Agricultural College, and four terms, in 1868 and 1869, at Antioch College. He was an ambitious youth and applied himself very assiduously to his text books and made a splendid record in the above-named institutions. Always fond of agricultural pursuits, he took up the life of a husbandman after leaving college, and from 1870 to 1876 farmed successfully in Greene county, Ohio. He very ably filled the responsible position of farm manager in the Ohio State University from 1877 to 1881. His prolific pen began to produce articles of more than ordinary interest and value to the agricultural world and he eventually became associate editor of *Farm and Fireside* at Springfield, Ohio, ranking thus from 1881 to 1887. He is a lucid and forceful writer, entertaining in style and, being profoundly versed in the themes he chooses for publication, he is always sure of an appreciative audience. Since 1887 he has been director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, where he is carrying on a very commendable work and giving eminent satisfaction to all concerned. Being an original thinker and investigator, his experiments and theories have been of much practical value. The Ohio State University, recognizing his ability, has conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of the Science of Agriculture. Since 1892 he has resided in Wayne county.

JOHN A. RAUDEBAUGH.

This venerable and highly honored citizen of Wayne county, Ohio, was an interesting man to talk to, for he could tell of the wondrous transformations he had witnessed in this locality since the pioneer days, he himself taking no small part in the material development of his community, and his

life, having been honorable and usefully spent, is worthy of conspicuous mention in this history.

John A. Raudebaugh was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, in 1826, the son of Solomon and Martha (Bell) Raudebaugh. The parents of the latter, who came from Ireland, were Richard and Mary Bell, who first settled in Pennsylvania, where Martha Bell was born. Neither she nor her husband ever came to Ohio. The paternal grandparents of the subject were Jacob and Elizabeth Raudebaugh, who spent part of their days in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Raudebaugh and their four children made the trip from Pennsylvania with a five-horse team, there being no railroads in those days. They bought one hundred and twenty-two acres in Plain township, the place having been nearly all woods, as were most of the farms in Wayne county at that time. They worked hard and soon had a good start in their new home.

After his marriage, John A. Raudebaugh lived on the home place, which he had helped to clear in his boyhood days, for a period of sixteen years, and he built every fence on the farm, making numerous other substantial improvements. He then moved to Ashland county, this state, where for one year he lived on an eighty-acre farm belonging to his father. After that he lived in Mercer county, Ohio, for two years, then returned to Chester township, Wayne county, where he bought eighty acres. Later he sold it and bought one hundred and twenty-three acres northeast of Overton in the same township. There he farmed very successfully until 1903, when he retired, moving to Overton and purchased a home here, where he spent his declining years in the midst of plenty as a result of his former years of thrift and industry. His death occurred there on January 11, 1910.

Mr. Raudebaugh was married in 1847 to Susan Soliday, who came to this county from Pennsylvania with her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Rose) Soliday. They entered land in Plain township which they cleared, living there the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Raudebaugh the following children were born, seven sons and four daughters: Mary Elizabeth, Jacob Winfield, Henry (deceased), John Ford, Solomon Emery, Evert Lincoln, Bertha, Charles, Elmer, Hattie and Effie. The parents of these children were blessed by a harmonious wedded life of sixty-three years. No person in this part of the county was held in higher esteem for his kindly and generous nature than Mr. Raudebaugh, being honored especially by the young people. He was a member of the United Brethren church, to which Mrs. Raudebaugh belongs. Politically, Mr. Raudebaugh was a Republican; he at one time very

ably served as justice of the peace of Plain township, and he was trustee for two terms in Union township, Mercer county, Ohio. He was always ready to do his part in any public function that would assist in furthering the general good.

JOSEPH B. GREGORY.

Well-directed efforts in the practical affairs of life and honorable dealing with his neighbors have won for Joseph B. Gregory, a progressive farmer of Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, the success in life which he rightly deserves and also the high esteem of his fellow men. He comes from excellent Pennsylvania stock, he himself having been born in Mifflin county, that state, November 15, 1863, the son of Robert and Nancy (McCartney) Gregory, the former a native of Stone Valley, Pennsylvania. He came to Ohio about 1879. He was a man of influence in his community and made a success in life, being a man of energy and good common sense.

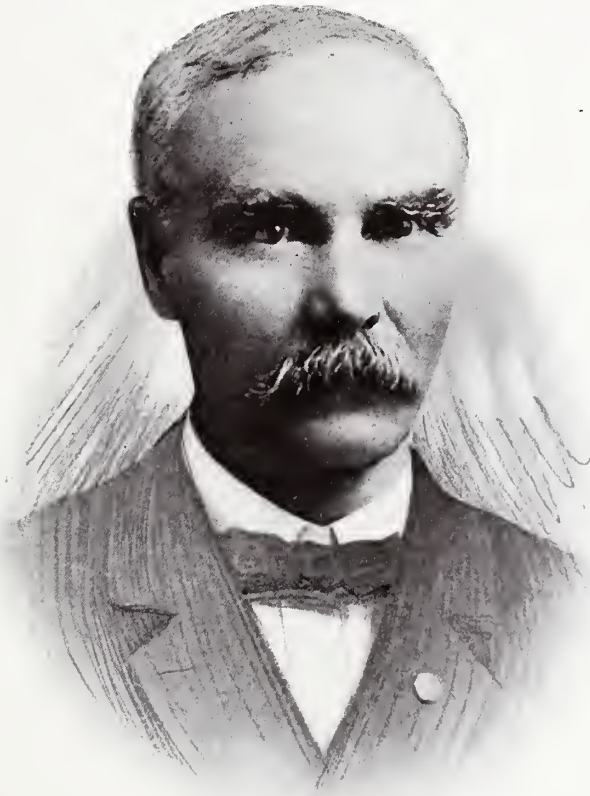
Joseph B. Gregory was reared on the farm in the old Keystone state, which he worked during the crop seasons and attended the common schools during the winter months. In early youth he began working on a farm for the meager sum of five dollars per month, and when he was twenty-one years of age he was receiving twenty dollars per month. Turning his attention to railroading, having long desired to become an engineer, he began learning the same, in a short time familiarizing himself with its many phases, and for a period of sixteen years he had charge of a locomotive, rendering very efficient service, possessing the required faculties for this line of work to a marked degree. However, finding that the more wholesome and less strenuous life of the agriculturist had greater attractions than the precarious existence of the engineer, Mr. Gregory, after saving enough money to buy a farm, purchased an excellent piece of land, consisting of sixty-three acres in section 11, Sugar Creek township, where he now resides, carrying on general farming. He also buys, feeds and sells heavy draft horses, always having some very fine ones about the place and, owing to the excellent quality of these animals, he has no difficulty in disposing of them, handling about thirty annually, no small part of his income for many years having been derived from this source. The horses he handles are admired by all who see them, and he has become generally known throughout this part of the county as a horse dealer.

Mr. Gregory was married on October 15, 1885, to Alice Johnson, who was born and reared in Stark county, Ohio, the daughter of a highly respected family. To Mr. and Mrs. Gregory one child was born, Nancy, who lived to be nine months and nine days old. They are rearing one of Mr. Gregory's sister's daughters, Irene Jones.

Mr. Gregory is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Dalton, this county, and is one of the trustees of the same; he is also superintendent of the Sunday school, serving in his fourth year in this capacity. He has done much for the local congregation, having made a large increase in the Sunday school since he began active work in the same. Politically, he is a Democrat, but not an office seeker, though he takes considerable interest in the affairs of his county, politically and otherwise.

DAVID C. CURRY.

There would be a regrettable deficiency in this or any other historical and biographical compendium of Wayne county if an extended mention of the Curry family and their extensive interests should be omitted, for it is safe to say that few if any families have contributed more to the material and general advancement of this locality's interests from the pioneer epoch to the present, and a worthy and commendable as well as one of the best-known members of this enterprising household was the late David C. Curry, for many years senior member of The Curry Lumber Company of Wooster, the oldest substantial manufacturing establishment in the city. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1841, the second son of James Curry, founder of this company. The latter was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1816, the son of David Curry, a carpenter and builder, in which pursuit he brought up his son, James. When he had completed his trade, at the age of eighteen years, James Curry left home and worked as a journeyman for two years, then came to Ohio, locating in Washington township, Holmes county, where he followed his trade until removing to Wooster in the spring of 1853, and he at once entered vigorously into business, establishing a lumber yard where the Snowflake mills were later built; remaining there one year, he purchased a better site of E. Quinby, Jr., at East Liberty and Beall avenue. Here the main building was erected in 1857. In 1854 he placed in use the first planing mill brought into Wayne county, and from time to time he and the members of the family that suc-



W. C. Curry

ceeded him introduced new and labor-saving machinery, of the latest designs required in the skillful manufacture of doors, sash, blinds, mouldings, brackets, making a specialty in later years of church furniture, such as pews, pulpits, etc., finding ready sales in many states and distant territories. Thus from this small beginning, as time went on, his shops and yard became an extensive establishment, the largest in the county, until, from doing a business in 1854 of one hundred thousand feet of lumber, the trade increased to four million, and often much more, feet of lumber annually.

James Curry was the first large dealer in pine lumber in Wooster, where it was comparatively little used before he established his shops and imported building material in large quantities from the pineries of the North and the walnut woods of Indiana. His sons, who grew up in the business, became valuable assets to him. As they came to manhood's years he gave each an interest, until this became widely noted as "the lumber family." In the fall of 1867 James Curry and his three oldest sons, John, David and Wellington, purchased the machinery, grounds, areas, etc., of Stibbs, Spink & Company, which was conducted under this arrangement until October, 1874, when the copartnership was dissolved, the sons retaining the new yard on North street, under the style of D. C. Curry & Company, the father resuming sole charge of the old plant on East Liberty street. In February, 1876, the plant was burned out, the loss being twenty thousand dollars. They immediately rebuilt, but several destructive fires since then have caused heavy losses.

The father erected a substantial three-story brick building adjoining the old shops and in connection with lumber and house building, established a furniture factory, which grew to large proportions, including at one time undertaking. In May, 1877, he took as a partner his fourth son, James Millard Curry, and Robert Cameron, the firm doing business under the name of Curry, Cameron & Company, and they continued to do a large business.

The following are the dates of birth of James Curry's children: John, born in Holmes county, Ohio, February 18, 1839, married Elizabeth Laubach; David C., of this review; Marguette, born in Holmes county October 7, 1843; Wellington, born in Holmes county, May 27, 1845, married Mary E. Vanhouten, January 9, 1866; James Millard, born in Holmes county, August 27, 1849; Mary, born in Wooster, July 20, 1853; Jerome, born in Wooster, April 5, 1856.

The death of James Curry occurred June 9, 1884. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1814, and she died on May 1, 1874.

David C. Curry was twelve years old when his parents brought him to Wooster, and he received his education in the schools of this city. In 1857 he began serving an apprenticeship as a printer, working as a compositor for nearly four years on the old Wooster *Republican*. The breaking out of the Civil war changed his career, and upon the first call for troops to suppress the rebellion he was one of the first to respond, enlisting, on April 23, 1861, in Company G, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, three-months service. Upon the reorganization of the regiment he enlisted for three years, October 5, 1861, in Company H, commanded by Capt. A. S. McClure, and after sharing the vicissitudes of the famous Sixteenth Regiment in campaign and battle, he was honorably discharged October 31, 1864, having served his country faithfully for a period of nearly three years and a half. On April 19, 1863, he was wounded by a fragment of a shell striking him in the left arm and in the stomach, at the first assault on Vicksburg.

Returning to Wooster, Mr. Curry at once took the position of engineer in his father's planing mill and later owned and controlled this business until his death, on January 7, 1910, the end coming suddenly while on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Robert Esterly, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He had long been president of the firm here and had managed its affairs in a manner that stamped him as a man of unusual business acumen, foresight and judgment. The firm was incorporated on June 20, 1901, with a capital stock of thirty thousand dollars, with the following officers: David C. Curry, president; Charles Curry, vice-president; W. R. Curry, secretary and treasurer. Since Mr. Curry's death the officials are W. R. Curry, president and treasurer; R. A. Curry, vice-president; Charles Curry, secretary.

On December 24, 1868, David C. Curry married Jennie J. Yergin, which union resulted in the birth of five children, four of whom survive, namely: Charles Y., of Wooster; Blanche married Robert Esterly and is living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Cora B. died in 1875; William lives in Wooster; Rowland is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Curry also survives.

Mr. Curry was long a stockholder in the Quinby Opera House of Wooster, of which he was the contractor. He was the owner of considerable valuable property and one of the leading men of the county in business and other circles. He was always a Republican in politics and active in local party affairs. He was twice elected to the city council from the second ward, but resigned his position before the close of the second term. He was also an active lodge worker and a member of the following orders: Masonic, Knights of Honor, Knights of the Maccabees and Given Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Personally, Mr. Curry was straightforward in his dealings with his fellow men, courteous, genial and a man who made friends readily and who had no trouble in retaining their good-will. His beautiful and well-appointed home was frequently the gathering place for his many warm friends and those of the family, and they never failed to be hospitably received.

BENJAMIN F. SWINEHART.

Benjamin F. Swinehart, well-known farmer of Chester township, Wayne county, is one of those whole-souled, large-hearted individuals who are constantly adding to the number of their friends by their disinterested kindness and their genial natures. He was born in 1844 near where the Experiment Station is now located, the son of Ephraim and Barbara (Stoner) Swinehart, both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Elizabeth Swinehart, who lived and died in the old Keystone state. In that state Ephraim Swinehart, father of Benjamin F., was bound out. When eighteen years of age, 1836, he ran away and came to Apple Creek, Wayne county, Ohio. The maternal grandparents of the subject of this review were John and Elizabeth Stoner, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1836, Mr. Stoner following the trade of basketmaker in connection with farming. Here the father of Benjamin F. worked on the farm for Jacob Kurtz, and while employed there he became acquainted with Barbara Stoner, who was at that time working for Mr. Kurtz also, and they were there married, soon afterwards buying a farm in Medina county, Ohio. Later he bought near Lattasburg, Chester township, Wayne county. Ephraim Swinehart followed farming all his life, making a success of agricultural pursuits.

Benjamin F. Swinehart was reared in the neighborhood in which he now resides. He received a good education in the district schools and in his youth taught one term, but not taking kindly to school teaching, he cast about for other lines of endeavor; however, if he had continued teaching he would doubtless have been very successful, for he received on first trial a six-months license. As a young man he followed selling machinery and threshing. Giving this up, he later followed farming for six years in Stark county, but the remainder of his life has been spent in Wayne county; however, he got a good start farming in the former county. He resided in

Wooster for a period of six years. In 1881 he purchased the farm where he now lives in Chester township, consisting of one hundred and ninety acres. He also owns twenty-nine acres adjoining Lattasburg. He cleared thirty acres of the first-named tract. He has greatly improved his land, putting up good buildings and fences and in many other ways rendering his farm equal to any in the township. He has made a specialty of colt raising and his colts are always ready sellers, owing to their excellent quality. Although Mr. Swinehart practically retired from active farming in 1896, he has since resided on the home place and merely oversees his farming operations, leaving the work for the most part to his two sons.

Mr. Swinehart was married in the fall of 1865 to Nancy Worst, a native of Ashland county, Ohio, and to this union the following children have been born: Mary, who married David Joliff; Ephraim A. married Nora Zurker; Frances C. married C. C. Stair; Clara E. married Jessie Ebert; Samuel W. died when thirteen years of age; Verna married Guy Pittenger; Ralph and Ray are twins; they are farming on the home place; Ralph married Sylvia Hiner, and Ray married Zella Peters. Mrs. Benjamin F. Swinehart was called from her earthly labors on August 17, 1907.

Mr. Swinehart is a Democrat and he has long taken considerable interest in the affairs of his community, having served very acceptably as township assessor and also trustee. He is well known throughout this part of Wayne county and everybody respects him for his honesty in dealing with his fellow men and his life of usefulness and industry. Religiously, he belongs to the United Brethren church.

CHARLES E. TAYLOR.

The Taylor family has been an honored and influential one in Wayne county since the early days, and they have been faithful in the performance of their duty in all the relations of life. One of the best known of the present generation of Taylors is Charles E., who was born in Franklin township, this county, in 1867, the son of Thomas and Elvina (Batdorff) Taylor, the former a native of Bristol, England, and the latter born in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents of Charles E. Taylor were James and Mary Taylor, who, in an early day, came to Wooster township and settled near Munson school house. He was a mason by trade and he built many lime kilns and spent the remainder of his life in that vicinity. The maternal grandparents

of the subject came from Pennsylvania about 1826 and settled in Franklin township, Wayne county; there they followed farming, owning one hundred and sixty acres of land, which they cleared and developed, spending the remainder of their lives there.

Thomas Taylor, father of Charles E., was partly educated in England, but being only a young man when he arrived in Wayne county, Ohio, he finished his schooling here. He learned the stonemason's trade before leaving England, and this trade he followed for some time after coming to America, building much stone fence before leaving his native land; however, he devoted his attention principally to farming after coming to Ohio. He proved his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting as a soldier in the Mexican war. He was also one of the brave men who made the perilous trip to the gold fields of California in 1849. Upon his return to Ohio he built the first bridge north of Holmesville, but from that time on gave his attention exclusively to farming in Franklin township, Wayne county. He prospered, owning eventually two hundred acres, eighty acres in Clinton and Franklin townships and eighty acres in Holmes county. He was an extensive hog raiser, having been considered the banner hog man of Franklin township up to 1880. He lived a quiet life, though he accepted some of the minor township offices. His family consisted of eight children, namely: Ellen, Catherine, James, Elizabeth, Louis, Charles E., Emma and Thomas.

Charles E. Taylor, of this review, was educated in the home schools and the Shreve high school, graduating with the class of 1889, and he then entered the University of Wooster, where he made a splendid record, taking the classical course up to the junior year. He then taught school eight terms, two terms in Clinton township, three terms in Franklin township, and three terms in the grammar department of the Shreve high school. He was making rapid headway as one of the leading educators in the common schools of the county, and his services were in great demand, but not finding the school room altogether to his liking, he launched in the warehouse business at Funk, where he has been engaged ever since, having built up an extensive business. He is also interested in agricultural pursuits, and is regarded as one of the leading business men of this community.

Mr. Taylor was married in 1896 to Effie M. Orr, the refined daughter of a well-known family here, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Jessie, Edna and Charles.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a Democrat in national politics.

RUDOLPH STUDER.

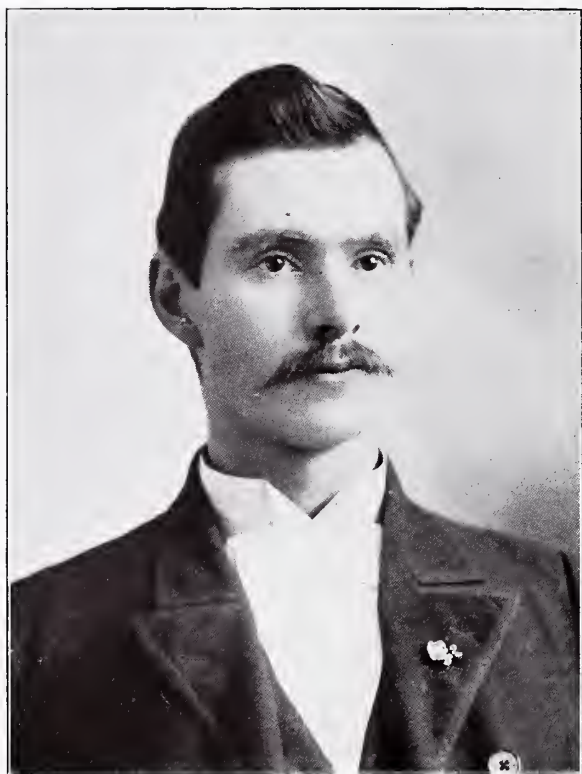
While yet a young man, Rudolph Studer has stamped his personality upon the citizens of the community where he resides, for his life has been one of consistent endeavor and led along paths of rectitude. He is a native of Auburn township, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, his birth occurring there on June 21, 1871, the son of Frederick and Louise (Brunner) Studer, both natives of Switzerland, the father born on March 10, 1838, and the mother on June 17, 1841. The death of Frederick Studer occurred on January 28, 1909, after a successful and useful life as an agriculturist. It was in 1870 that these parents came to the United States and located soon after their arrival in Tuscarawas county, this state, where they remained for a period of ten years, when they moved to Holmes county, Ohio, locating on a farm where they remained until the death of the father. Frederick Studer was a weaver by trade, which he learned in his native country, and he did a great deal of carpet weaving. He was a member of the Reformed church. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: Fred, Gottlieb, Rudolph, Lizzie, John, Dr. Benjamin, a veterinary surgeon of Orrville, Ohio, and Amelia.

Rudolph Studer, of this sketch, was nine years of age when he came with his parents to Holmes county, where as a boy he attended the common schools, receiving a good primary education, working on the home farm in the meantime. At the age of seventeen years he learned to make cheese, at which trade he worked very successfully for a period of eight years, after which he turned his attention to farming.

Mr. Studer was married on December 15, 1897, to Leah Amstutz, who was born on the farm where she now lives on June 1, 1870, the daughter of Jacob Amstutz, who was born in Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, in 1833. He was the son of John Amstutz, a native of Switzerland, and was among the earlier settlers of Wayne county, Ohio. Jacob Amstutz was the father of eight children, six of whom are now living.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Studer moved on the Amstutz farm of one hundred and thirteen acres in section 31, Sugar Creek township, which Mr. Studer has greatly improved and which he works in such a manner as to realize abundant returns for his labor. He is a breeder of registered sheep, cattle and horses,—in fact, an up-to-date, wide-awake stock raiser and farmer, his fine stock being admired by all who see them.

Mr. Studer is a stockholder in the East Union Telephone Company, also a stockholder in the Apple Creek Banking Company. He makes a success



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of whatever he turns his attention to, for he is the possessor of rare business qualities.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Studer four children have been born, namely: Clair W., born October 15, 1898; Walter, born December 29, 1900; Irwin, born June 18, 1903; Mabel, born April 28, 1907. The great-grandfather of the mother of these children was born in France in 1746 and died in 1811; his son, Peter Steiner, was born in 1792 and died in 1856 and he came to the United States in an early day. His daughter was Catherine Steiner, who married Jacob Amstutz, and they are the parents of Mrs. Rudolph Studer, of this review.

In politics Mr. Studer is a Democrat, and he is at this writing very capably serving as one of the trustees of Sugar Creek township. He is a member of the Mennonite church, in which congregation he is influential, as he is in the business and political circles of the township.

ANDREW J. WELTY.

The popularity of Andrew J. Welty extends beyond the prescribed limits of East Union township, Wayne county, for in every relation of life his conduct has been that of a man whose aims have been correct and whose integrity has never been questioned. He was born in Richland township, Allen county, Ohio, January 9, 1862, the son of Frederick and Catherine (Steiner) Welty. Frederick Welty was born in Switzerland in 1832 and he came to the United States in 1854, locating in Allen county, Ohio, where he secured some valuable property and had a comfortable home. His wife, Catherine Steiner, was born in Switzerland in 1834, and in 1836, when two years of age, she was brought by her parents to the United States, the family locating in Putnam county, Ohio, and there the parents of Mr. Welty are still living at this writing (1909).

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Welty became the parents of fifteen children, namely: Christena, deceased; William; Adam; Caroline married P. R. Steiner; she and Andrew J., of this review, are twins; Marion, Barbara, Roselta, Lavina, Benjamin, Noah, Emil, Jacob, Albert and Sarah.

Frederick Welty was a prosperous farmer in his day and became fairly well-to-do and was an influential citizen in his community. He and his wife were members of the Mennonite church.

Andrew J. Welty was reared on the home farm, which he worked when

a boy, alternating farm work with attending the district schools; also went to the Angola Normal School at Angola, Indiana. After leaving school he took up farming and threshing, operating a threshing machine very successfully for some time. In 1887 he located on the farm where he now resides, which consists of one hundred and forty-five acres of excellent and highly improved land, located in the northwest quarter of section 27, East Union township, on which he built a fine and beautifully located residence, also a substantial barn and other outbuildings, rendering his place one of the model farms in the township, everything about it indicating that a gentleman of excellent taste has its management in hand. Mr. Welty has not only been successful as a general farmer, but also as a stock raiser, always keeping a variety of good livestock.

Mr. Welty was married on January 6, 1887, to Mary Amstutz, daughter of Jacob Amstutz, and who was born in Sugar Creek township, August 3, 1864. This union resulted in the birth of eight sons, seven of whom are living in 1910, namely: Alvin, Wilbur, Evan, Clayton, Leo, Stanley and Harold.

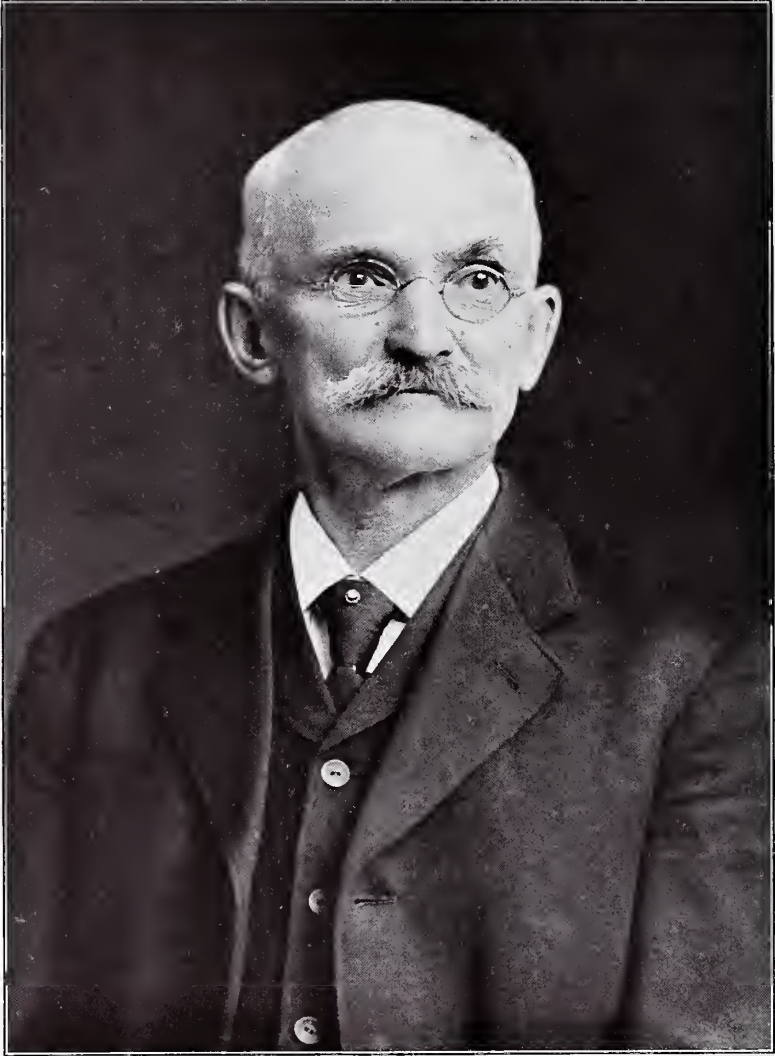
Mr. and Mrs. Welty are members of the Mennonite church, the former being an elder in the same and an active worker in the local congregation. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he has served as a member of the school board.

In the spring of 1909 Mr. and Mrs. Welty made a trip to the Pacific coast, visiting the states of Washington, Oregon and California, spending two months in a delightful and beneficial sojourn of the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Welty have endeavored to give their children good educations. The two eldest, Alvin and Wilbur, graduated in the preparatory department at Wooster University, and are now holding responsible positions with the Goodrich Rubber Works at Akron, Ohio.

GABRIEL C. DAGUE.

The life of Gabriel C. Dague has always been one of unceasing industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable methods he has followed have won him the unbounded confidence of his fellow men. He was born in Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio, January 14, 1841, the son of M. D. and Elizabeth K. (McElhaine) Dague. Both were born near Beverly, Pennsylvania, and each came to Chippewa township about 1820 with their



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parents, and here amid the primitive conditions of those early days they grew to maturity. M. D. Dague was educated in the early schools of Chipewa township, working on the home farm in the meantime. He naturally turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed until 1868, in which year he entered the general mercantile business in Western Star, Ohio, which lies partly in Medina and partly in Summit county. He continued in that line for five years and then sold out to his two sons, William Carman and Gabriel C., the latter the subject of this sketch. These two sons and their father, also Samuel Duley, the father-in-law of William Carman Dague, then started a store in Doylestown, Ohio, in which they successfully handled dry goods, groceries and notions. During this time M. D. Dague again became part owner of his sons' stores at Western Star and Doylestown. Ten years after he entered business in Doylestown he retired and lived a quiet life until his death, at eighty-five years of age, living in Doylestown, merely looking after his agricultural interests in a general way. He was a very successful business man and was popular with all classes owing to his honesty and friendliness.

For further facts regarding the ancestry of the subject, the reader is directed to the sketch of T. J. Dague, on another page of this work.

Gabriel C. Dague received his educational training in the common schools at the various places he lived when a boy and at the Western Star Academy. In September, 1862, soon after completing his education, he enlisted in the Union army, but he was not admitted to the service until October 9th of that year. He was a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that company until May 3, 1864, in a manner that stamped him as a gallant soldier. He was taken prisoner at Shagy Point, Louisiana, on the Red river, and he was sent to Camp Ford, Tyler, Texas, where he was held until May 27, 1865. He fought at Chickasaw Bluffs, at the siege of Vicksburg, Arkansas Post, after which he returned to Vicksburg and remained there from July 4, 1863, until the city surrendered a month later. He then went with his company to New Orleans and spent the winter at Plaquemine, Louisiana. After his release he weighed but eighty pounds. He returned to his father's farm and assisted with the work on the home place for eight years, then farmed for himself for four years, at the end of which time he purchased a half interest in his father's store at Western Star, as already indicated. Then for a period of thirty-two years he followed in a most successful manner merchandising at Western Star, Doylestown and Akron, Ohio, twenty years being spent at Western

Star and twelve years at the last mentioned places; however, he was interested in all three most of the time. He seemed to take naturally to merchandising and his stores enjoyed a very liberal patronage. In 1904 he sold out his last interest and has since lived a retired life at his beautiful home in Doylestown, surrounded by plenty as the fruits of his earlier years of labor.

Mr. Dague was married in November, 1865, to Jennie H. Harkins, of Wooster, who passed away in 1868, and on December 30, 1869, Mr. Dague again married, his last wife being Mary A. Brown, a native of Stark county, Ohio, and to this union four children were born, namely: Bertha, who married Harry Baughman, is the mother of two children, Bessie and Ralph; Harmon H. married Minnie Seiberling, and they are the parents of three children, Ethel, Florence and Roy. Carman W. and Raymond Dague are both deceased.

Politically, Mr. Dague adheres to the tenets of the Democratic party. He has been school director in Doylestown, Western Star, also treasurer of the school board at Western Star. He was also postmaster at that place for fifteen years. He has always been interested in the progress of his county, politically, morally, educationally or materially, and he has an extensive acquaintance throughout this locality, bearing a reputation of honesty and industry alike.

HARMON SMYSER.

The readers of this history do not need to be apprised of the fact that the Smyser family has, for generations, ranked among the most progressive and influential of Wayne county, and one of the best known and most representative members of this honored family is Harmon Smyser, who is a native of this county and a man who has played well his part in the development of the same, being an interested spectator of its phenomenal growth. He was born on September 11, 1841, and he is the son of Emanuel and Catherine (Abert) Smyser, an excellent couple from the Keystone state, from which they came to Wayne county, Ohio, as early as 1832, settling on a farm which they developed from a primitive forest and soon became very comfortably established here. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Albert, Harmon, of this review; Mary A., Anna, George J., Elenora, and M. L., whose sketch and portrait appear on another page of this work.

Harmon Smyser received his education in the common schools of Wayne county and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-six years of age.

The Civil war coming on he could not suppress his ardor and he enlisted in April, 1861, among the first to respond to Lincoln's call for troops, becoming a private in Company E, Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until August, when he was discharged, having been in the three-months service. Soon afterwards he re-enlisted in the Sixteenth Ohio Infantry for three years. The history of this splendid regiment is to be found in the sketch of John Boor, in this work. Suffice it to say that Mr. Smyser proved to be a very faithful soldier and shared the vicissitudes of march and battle with his gallant comrades. Upon his discharge he returned home and began farming in Chester township. He moved to Wayne township in 1866, became very well established and was always regarded as one of the county's progressive farmers.

In 1867 Mr. Smyser was married to Melissa J. McDonald, daughter of Newton and Mary McDonald, both natives of Ohio. They were the parents of four children: Margaret, Melissa J., wife of Harmon Smyser, of this sketch; Josephine and George. Mr. McDonald was a farmer and he and his wife spent their lives in Wayne county where they were highly respected by all who knew them. To Mr. and Mrs. Smyser two children have been born, Emmett E. and Haydee. The former married into the Palmer family and he is making his home with his father; they have one son, Harmon P. Smyser. The daughter is still a member of the family circle.

Mr. Smyser has a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He raises a diversity of crops and makes a specialty of raising big horses for the market. He has a beautiful and modern home and convenient outbuildings, everything about his place indicating thrift and prosperity and that a gentleman of splendid tastes has its management in hand. Personally, Mr. Smyser is a man of genial disposition, uniformly honest and thoroughly trustworthy, and of highest business integrity, according to all who know him.

CHARLES A. GRABER.

The little republic of Switzerland has not furnished so large a number of inhabitants to northern Ohio as Germany and other European countries, but it is certain that none of her sister countries have furnished us with a more intelligent and industrious class than she, for wherever the Swiss are found they become owners of property and are loyal to our institutions, making admirable citizens. Of this class Charles A. Graber is a descendant,

he being of the second generation of that sturdy race in this country. His birth occurred in Paint township, Wayne county, Ohio, June 24, 1857, the son of Frederick A. and Julia (Falet) Graber. Frederick A. Graber was born in Switzerland, and was educated and married there. Soon after his marriage he came to the United States, believing that here existed greater opportunities for him; this was in 1839. He came to the interior and settled in Paint township, Wayne county, Ohio. He was a hard worker and lived very comfortably, owning about sixty acres of land at the time of his death. His family consisted of six sons and four daughters, namely: Lewis, Jules A., Alfred A., Julia E., Adale H., Ida T., Lucy E., Charles A., Oscar E. and Paul.

Charles A. Graber was reared on the home farm in Paint township, which he worked during his boyhood days, and attended the district schools. He studied hard and got a good education. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. In December, 1881, he married Nettie Tasker, a native of Paint township, where she was reared on a farm and educated. She was a member of an excellent family.

In 1887 Mr. Graber moved on his farm of thirty-seven acres in section 34, East Union township, where he still resides. He has a neat little place which is very productive and which yields him a good living. He has a very comfortable home and keeps some stock and poultry. By good management he makes his place produce well and his family is well provided for.

To Mr. and Mrs. Graber six children have been born, namely: Oren, who married Etta Krause; Ortense is deceased; Millard, Ruth, Charlie, Vernice and Louise.

Mr. Graber is a member of the Reform church at Apple Creek where he and his family are faithful attendants. Fraternally he belongs to Apple Creek Lodge, No. 324, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor. Politically he is a Democrat, and is very ably serving his township as one of its trustees, and he was a member of the school board for five years, during which time the cause of education in this vicinity was carefully looked after.

JOHN V. HARTEL.

The record of John V. Hartel is that of a man who by his own unaided efforts has worked his way from a modest beginning to a position of influence and financial ease in his community of which he is native, having been born in Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio, November 4, 1859, the son



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of Jacob and Susanna (Will) Hartel, both natives of Germany. The paternal grandparents of John V. Hartel were Jacob and Susanna Hartel, who came from Germany in an early day and settled in Milton township, this county, there bought land, cleared it and remained there until their deaths. The subject's mother came to America alone in 1828. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Will. Jacob Hartel, father of John V., was educated mostly in Germany, and in young manhood he accompanied his parents to America. He was a shoemaker by trade, and is said to have been a very skilled workman. In 1862 he moved from Milton township to Chippewa township, near Easton, and there he bought a farm of eighty-four acres, on which he carried on general farming until his death, making a good living for his wife and five sons and one daughter, who were named as follows: Peter, Jacob, John V. (of this review), Adam, George and Susan.

John V. Hartel was educated in Chippewa township in the common schools, and he remained on the home farm until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to Smithville, Greene township, and began learning the carriage trade, then learned the blacksmith trade at Clinton, at which he soon became quite adept. Later he went to Easton and purchased a carriage shop and remained there for five years, building up a very good business and becoming known as one of the best workmen in this line in the county. He followed carriage and wagon making and general blacksmithing. He then bought his brother's shoe store at Easton, which he managed successfully, and while there he was postmaster and justice of the peace during Cleveland's first administration. He next bought out the William Peirce shoe store at Doylestown, Chippewa township, which he conducted until 1896. In the meantime he became postmaster, continuing in that position for several terms. He was elected justice of the peace in Doylestown in 1902, and has since retained that office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Hartel has been a singing teacher since he was seventeen years of age and he has won a wide reputation in this line. He has been supervisor of music in the Doylestown public schools for the past nine years, holding a state certificate for music teaching.

In 1888 Mr. Hartel entered the piano business and he has been very successful in the same ever since, still following that line at this writing, having built up an extensive patronage throughout this part of the county. He is a director in the Doylestown Banking Company.

Mr. Hartel was married in 1880 to Amelia Frase, a woman of many praiseworthy traits, and to this union one daughter was born, Pearl, now the wife of George Flood, and they are the parents of the following children: Rosetta, Amelia, George Leslie and Ellwood.

Mr. Hartel was confirmed in the Lutheran church when sixteen years of age. He belongs to the Knights and Ladies of Security, and in politics he is a Democrat. He has very ably served his fellow citizens as constable and has been a member of the school board at Doylestown. He is always interested in the progress of his community and does what he can to aid in any worthy movement. He is regarded as a public-spirited, honest and straightforward business man.

OSCAR ARMSTRONG HILLS, D. D.

The mission of a great soul in this world is one that is calculated to inspire a multitude of others to better and greater things, and its subsequent influence cannot be measured in metes and bounds, for it effects the lives of those with whom it comes into contact, broadening and enriching them for all time to come. He who spends his life interpreting the Divine Word has one of the greatest missions to perform vouchsafed to man. Oscar Armstrong Hills, one of the best known and influential ministers of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, is one of that number and worthily wears the honor in proper meekness and reserve. He was born in Brownsville, Indiana, December 13, 1837, and he is the son of Darwin Todd and Sarah (Anderson) Hills, who later removed to Greene county, Ohio. Both his father and mother were representatives of fine old pioneer families and were people highly respected and honored by all who knew them for their lives of high endeavor, kindness and hospitality. They were the parents of ten children.

Dr. Oscar A. Hills grew to maturity in his native community and spent his boyhood in a manner not unlike others of his day and generation. He received his preparatory education in the schools of Crawfordsville, Indiana, later attending Wabash College, where he made an excellent record for scholarship and from which he was graduated in 1859. Thus well equipped, he gratified an ambition of long standing by entering the ministry, having been licensed May 1, 1861, by the presbytery of Crawfordsville, and he was ordained November 25, 1862, by the presbytery of Huntington. His first charge was at Spruce Creek, Pennsylvania, where he remained from 1862 to 1865, making an excellent start in his pastoral work and building up the charge there in a manner that forecast an unusually successful future in the ministry. He was next pastor of the Central church in Cincinnati from 1865 to 1878 and during his long service there he became known as one of the leading ministers of that city, building up an influential church and win-

ning a place in the affections of his congregation that can never be eradicated. Doctor Hills was in charge of the North church of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, from 1878 to 1881. Desiring a change to a more salubrious climate, the Doctor, in the summer of 1881, went to Santa Barbara, California, where he was special supply in the church there for one year, after which he went to San Francisco and was pastor from 1882 to 1884, and there he did an excellent work in the First Presbyterian church. He came to Wooster, Ohio, in 1885 and for a period of thirteen years he was pastor of the First church, doing a very commendable work here during that time. He was elected a trustee of Wooster University and has served for a period of twenty-five years. He has done much toward the general success and prestige of the University. In 1898 he took charge of the Westminster church at the university here and is now pastor emeritus of the same.

The Doctor was married August 21, 1862, to Miriam Wright, a lady of culture and refinement, a native of Rensselaer, Indiana. She died without issue on September 11, 1866, and Doctor Hills married Louise Esther Freer, daughter of an excellent Chicago family, their wedding taking place on October 26, 1869. This union resulted in the birth of four children, namely: Miriam, Edward R., Oscar Freer and Thomas McDougal. The mother of these children passed away August 23, 1884. Doctor Hills married a third time, his last wedding taking place on August 12, 1886, his last wife, Ida M. Foust, being a native of Wayne county, and a woman whose gracious personality has endeared her to a large circle of friends. No children have been born to this union. The Hills home on College avenue is a cozy, hospitable and cheerful one where the many friends of the family delight to gather.

Doctor Hills, by a life of right living and strenuous endeavor, has earned a warm place in the hearts of all who know him. He is a devout lover of all that is pure, true and good, and is ever ready to encourage that which is worthy and to support that which is best. All find in him a friend and helper, for he is brotherly, neighborly, candid, frank, sincere and generous, as well as kind and courteous. By the exercise of these qualities he has been greatly blessed of God in leading the unsaved to the Good Shepherd, in inspiring the discouraged and in winning the careless.

CHRIS. R. SNAVELY.

Like all enterprising men, C. R. Snavely, of Sugar Creek township, gives close personal attention to every detail of his business, exercises sound judgment in making his plans and seldom fails to carry to successful con-

clusion anything to which he addresses his mind and energies, but farming and stock raising, with all their diversified phases, have claimed his time and thought for the most part, and it is useless to add that he has made a very comfortable living besides laying by something to insure his old age from want. He was born in Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, Ohio, November 23, 1859, the son of Samuel and Anna (Rudy) Snively; the latter is a sister of David Rudy, a complete sketch of whom and his family will be found in another part of this work. Samuel Snively, the father, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and he came to Wayne county, Ohio, in about 1856. He spent the remainder of his life in Sugar Creek township on a farm, becoming fairly well-to-do here. Mrs. Samuel Snively, a woman whom everybody admires for her generosity, is still living, a member of the household of her son, C. R., of this review. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snively five children were born, namely: C. R., of this sketch; Emma, wife of N. C. McDowell, of Akron, Ohio; Ida, widow of R. T. Douglass; Amanda is single and is living at the home of the subject of this review, and Eugene, who died in 1875.

C. R. Snively was reared in Sugar Creek township, where he began working on the home farm very early, finding time, however, to attend the district schools until he was eighteen years of age; he also attended the Dalton high school and spent one term at the Smithville Academy.

Mr. Snively was married in October, 1907, to Jennie McDowell, daughter of Luther McDowell, this family being one of the best known in their community.

Mr. Snively lives on an excellent farm of ninety-five acres in section 5, Sugar Creek township, where he engages in general farming and stock raising. Politically, he is a Republican, and the United Presbyterian church holds his membership, he being one of the elders of the local congregation, and he takes a great deal of interest in church affairs.

REV. ADAM GEORGE HERMAN.

Although yet a comparatively young man, Father Herman has accomplished much toward ameliorating the condition of his fellow men, often laboring with disregard for his own welfare if thereby he might attain the object sought—to make some one better and happier. Such a life as his is rare and is eminently worthy of emulation, being singularly free from all that is de-



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teriorating or paltry, for his influence is at all times uplifting, and thousands of people have been made better for having known him.

Rev. Adam G. Herman, the popular and well-known pastor of the Catholic church at Doylestown, Ohio, was born at Williams, Ohio, January 27, 1868, the son of George Herman, who was born in the province of Alsace-Lorraine, formerly of France, now of Germany. Coming to America when a young man, he met and married Catherine Heberle, a native of Rochester, New York. It was in 1848 that the former came from his native land, and he at once made his way to Williams county, Ohio, and there took up farming, which he made a success, being a very industrious man and a good manager. He and his wife became the parents of three children who lived to maturity, namely: Adam George, of this review; John and Charles. The last two named are now living on farms in Williams county, Ohio.

Adam G. Herman was educated in the common schools of Williams county, later studied at Notre Dame University at South Bend, Indiana, where he made a splendid record for scholarship. He also took a course at Canisius College, Buffalo, New York. Then he went abroad to study, and after four years of diligent application at Innsbruck, Tyrol, Austria, he was there ordained a priest in July, 1901. After taking a short vacation in September of that year, he returned to America and became pastor of the Catholic church at Doylestown, Wayne county, Ohio, where he has since remained. He has done a great work here, building up the parish and raising the spiritual standing of the congregation, which is now in a good condition, both temporal and spiritual, and his service here has met with the united approval of his people; but whatever of good the reverend priest may have accomplished he would far rather have it engraved on the hearts of the people than to be put into print, and the approval of his own conscience and of his Divine Master are the rewards he wishes for his labors in behalf of the church.

SIMON B. EYMAN.

A highly honored citizen of East Union township is S. B. Eyman, who was born on the farm where he now lives, June 21, 1841, the son of David and Elizabeth (Bott) Eyman, the former having come to this county from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in May, 1836, and he settled on the farm, consisting of ninety acres, where S. B. Eyman now lives. It was then in

an undeveloped state and he set about improving it; the place has remained in the family ever since and has been so skillfully managed that it has not lost any of its original fertility. The farm was added to until it consisted of one hundred and seven acres, and the first Eyman known in this county thus became a prosperous farmer. He was a good business man, but quiet in disposition, and a faithful member of the Reformed church. He and his wife were the parents of six children, two of whom are living at this writing, namely: Martha, the wife of John Kirts, of North Dakota, and S. B., of this review. The latter was reared on the farm where he now lives, remaining under the paternal roof until he was twenty-one years old, working during the crop season and attending the neighboring schools some during the winter time. He later attended school at Fredericksburg in Salt Creek township, and received a good common school education. When about twenty-two years of age he left home and went to Ashland, where he and his brother-in-law entered the grain business, remaining there four years, but this, not being as successful as he had anticipated, was given up and young Eyman entered the hotel business at West Salem, this county. Later buying the old home farm, he moved thereto and has remained on it ever since. He has been very successful in his farming operations and is now the owner of one hundred and forty-five acres in one place and ninety-seven in another, in all two hundred and forty-two acres, all under a high state of development and well improved. It has yielded bounteous harvests and Mr. Eyman is now one of the substantial citizens of the county. He handles some good stock, and his home is beautifully situated, surrounded by excellent outbuildings, everything about the place showing thrifty and good management.

Simon Eyman was married in 1866 to Isabelle Tinkey, of Ashland, Ohio, the daughter of an old and highly honored family, and to this union five children were born, one of whom is deceased; they are, Charles, a farmer in East Union township; Edward, of Orrville, this county; Anna, wife of Alonzo Hoffacre, of Salt Creek township; Mamie M., wife of Charles Marlin, of Apple Creek, this county.

Mr. Eyman is a member of the Reformed church at Apple Creek, this township, being an elder and deacon in the same, and taking considerable interest in church affairs. In politics he is a Republican, having long been interested in the progress of his home community, he is ready to assist in any worthy movement looking to its development, and by reason of his public spirit, his honesty and friendliness he is held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county.

EDWIN LANCE.

There was little to encourage a man lacking grit and stability to undertake to hew a farm from the seemingly interminable wilderness in Wayne county upwards of a century ago when the ancestors of Edwin Lance first made their advent here. It was his grandparents, Henry and Betzie Lance, who first established themselves here. The former was a native of Pennsylvania and it is supposed that his wife was also a native of the old Keystone state. They made the laborious journey across the mountains in a covered wagon, bringing what few household effects they had with them. When they reached Chestnut Ridge in the northeastern part of Milton township, Wayne county, they were delighted with the prospect, and here they purchased one hundred and sixty acres, clearing a small place for a log cabin, which later gave way to a more modern and commodious dwelling. In a few years the place was cleared and yielding bounteous crops and here the old pioneer couple spent the remainder of their days. Henry Lance was a man of much influence in his township, prominent in politics, and he was a member of the Presbyterian church. The maternal grandparents of Edwin Lance were Daniel and Julia Johnson. They also came to this county from New York state in a very early day and bought eighty acres of timber land, without any improvements whatever. It was also swampy, but this hardy woodsman cleared and drained the land, making a good home, and lived there until his death. The town of Sterling is now on a part of this land.

William J. Lance, son of Henry Lance and wife and father of Edwin Lance, was born in Milton township, Wayne county, and he came to this county with his parents when a child and received his education in the primitive schools of this township. He began farming early in life and continued the same the rest of his days. He first bought eighty acres east of his father's place; in time this was sold and by three different purchases he finally had a farm of seventy-two acres where his son, Edwin Lance, of this review, now lives. Here William J. Lance prospered and lived until within a few years of his death. He married Clara Johnson, a native of the same locality in Wayne county, from which he came.

Edwin Lance was born on the farm where he now lives, about three-fourths of a mile southwest of Sterling, in 1865. He received a fairly good education in the common schools. He naturally took to farming and has followed this vocation all his life, making a comfortable living and laying by a competency to insure his old age free from want. He carries on general farming and stock raising. He purchased his place from his father and he

has improved the same and so rotated his crops as to retain the original fertility of the soil. He has a good house and barn and his farm is well improved in every respect.

Mr. Lance was married in 1887 to Sarah Swagler, daughter of a well known family, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Flossie May, Clara Anna and William Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance are members of the Baptist church, and their two daughters are United Brethren. In politics Mr. Lance votes with the Democrats. He is always interested in whatever promotes the general good of his community, but he does not find much time to mingle in politics. Mrs. Lance belongs to the Ladies of the Maccabees.

WILLIAM STEELE.

Holding distinctive prestige among the enterprising citizens of Milton township, Wayne county, is William Steele, whose record, here briefly outlined, is that of a man who has been the architect of his own fortunes, who, by the exercise of his talents, has successfully surmounted unfavorable environments and, while yet a young man, has won definite success as an agriculturist. He is a creditable representative of one of the old and highly esteemed pioneer families of northern Ohio and possesses many of the admirable qualities and characteristics of his ancestors. He is a native of Milton township, Wayne county, his birth having occurred October 31, 1879. He is the son of Edgar L. and Elizabeth J. (Lance) Steele, both natives of Wayne county, Ohio. The father, who was the second son of Enoch Steele, was born February 3, 1853, receiving his education in the common schools of this county. He spent his youth on the farm, and devoted his subsequent life work to agricultural pursuits, at one time owning very valuable land in this and Medina counties, aggregating a total of three hundred and fifty-five acres. Leaving the home farm in 1903, he located just west of Sterling, and he is now residing in Seville, where he has a small place and he engages in the handling of livestock. He and Elizabeth J. Lance were married in 1872. The latter was the daughter of Abraham and Rebecca Lance, and they became the parents of the following children: Wilson, Arthur, Mary, William and Floyd.

Enoch Steele, grandfather of William Steele, of this review, was born in 1826, the youngest child of Andrew and Mary (Steele) Steele, both natives of Pennsylvania. Enoch Steele received a common school education and followed farming, at one time owning two hundred acres of land, carrying on



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general farming very successfully. He is now living retired. He has been twice married, first to Eliza Sours, who died in 1862, and their children were William Calvin, Edgar L., Flora A., and Alfred A. Enoch Steele's second wife was Phoebe Johnson, whom he married in 1868, and three children were born to this union, Lode, Deliew and Lilla.

Andrew Steele, the great-grandfather of William Steele, was the son of Andrew Steele, Sr., who brought his family from Pennsylvania to this county in a very early day, entering four large farms from the government. He devoted his life to farming, as did also his son Andrew, who cleared one hundred and sixty acres of land in Milton township and lived here until his death.

William Steele, of this review, was educated in the Sterling common schools and he passed through the high school there, receiving a good education. He remained on the home farm until his father moved to Seville, when he and his brother Floyd entered the butcher business in Seville, which they continued very successfully for a period of three years, building up an extensive trade with the surrounding community. But the farm has always had its allurements for him and in 1907 he returned to the old home place where he has since remained. He is a good manager and hard worker and he has been successful.

William Steele was married on March 10, 1909, to Edna M. Loehr, a native of Medina county, Ohio, the daughter of Benjamin and Caroline Loehr, and they are the parents of a son, Ernest Dwight, born February 20, 1910.

For a fuller history of William Steele's brothers, Arthur, Wilson and Floyd, and his sister Mary, the reader is directed to the sketch of Wilson Steele, appearing on another page of this work.

Members of this fine old family have always been connected with the United Brethren or the Baptist church and most of them have been Democrats.

William Steele and his young wife are popular among the younger social set of this township where they are well known and where their lives have been spent, each being representatives of some of the best pioneer stock of the Buckeye state.

DANIEL HOFF.

In tracing the history of Wayne county, Ohio, the historian comes across the name of Hoff away back among the early settlers and finds that the descendants of the first member of the family of this name to settle here have

played well their parts in reclaiming the primitive soil from mother nature and transforming it into highly productive landed estates. They have also taken an interest in public affairs and fought in our armies for the maintenance of the Union, and today no family is more highly honored or better known in Milton and adjoining townships.

Daniel Hoff was born near where he now lives, in the south central part of Milton township, in 1835. He is the son of Philip and Julia (Blacher) Hoff, the father a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and his wife on the old Blacher homestead in Greene township, this county. The first white man that died in Greene township, so far as known, was killed while assisting in building a barn for Julia Blacher's father. Philip Hoff, the paternal grandfather of Daniel Hoff, was also born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and he and his wife came to Wayne county, Ohio, in a very early day and settled east of Wooster. Philip Hoff entered five quarter sections in different places throughout this part of the county, and he and his sons cleared a great deal of this land. The maternal grandparents of Daniel Hoff were Daniel and Susan Blacher, who were pioneers of Greene township, coming here among the very first settlers.

Philip Hoff, father of Daniel Hoff, was reared on the home place and assisted his father in farming. He had a great deal of clearing to do and became skilled in swinging the axe and maul. In 1835 he left the paternal roof-tree and bought a quarter section where his son, Daniel Hoff, now resides. Only four acres of it had been cleared and a small, rude house erected. In this Daniel was born, but, although small and rudely constructed, it was built of good material and is still standing, having been built over seventy-five years ago. Philip Hoff, Jr., with the assistance of his sons, cleared and improved the new farm and in the course of a few years it was in excellent condition, yielding bounteous crops, and he became fairly prosperous and a leading citizen of his township. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, namely: David, Amos, Daniel (subject), Manda Ann, Rebecca, Josiah, Andy, Susan, Hiram, Simon, Joshua, and Rilla. They all attended the early schools and helped about the place. Daniel Hoff delights to tell of how he received his early text-book training in a log schoolhouse which contained only one desk and a window which extended the entire length of the building—in fact, it was only a so-called window, really being the space left by removing a log.

Daniel Hoff remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-four years of age. He then bought a farm in Iowa where he lived eighteen months; then he moved to Michigan, where he purchased a farm, on which

he lived for a period of seven years. Desiring to return to his native community, he sold out and purchased twenty acres where he now resides, having made his home here since then, following general farming. He has a nice home and a good little place, which makes him a comfortable living. He has always followed general farming, making a success of his crops and stock raising.

Daniel Hoff was one of the brave sons of the North who offered his services in behalf of his country, enlisting with his brother, Andrew, in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with a very creditable record until the close of the war, taking part in many arduous campaigns and hard-fought battles. His brothers, Amos and Josiah, were also soldiers in the Federal army, members of the Sixteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Daniel Hoff was married on April 21, 1859, to Margaret Fetzer, whose people were pioneers of Wayne county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoff the following children have been born: Perry, Edmond, Elmer, Calvin, Ella, Cora and Oran (twins), Minnie, Ida.

Most of the Hoff family have been members of the Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Hoff is a Republican, and he very ably served as constable for a period of seven years.

JOHN SCHORGER.

The family of which John Schorger is an honored representative has been known in the Buckeye and Hoosier states since the early pioneer period, and the record they have made has been one of which he can justly be proud, for his ancestors left a priceless heritage to their posterity, the memory of names and deeds which time can neither obliterate nor dim. Mr. Schorger was born in Allen county, Indiana, April 5, 1860, the son of Valentine and Barbara (Fetigue) Schorger, both natives of Seneca county, Ohio. The maternal grandfather of John Schorger was George Schorger, a sterling pioneer who spent his life in the development of farms from the wild realm of nature. Both he and his son, Valentine, were known as hard workers and honest men, interested in the affairs of the community where they lived.

John Schorger was educated in the common schools of Seneca county, Ohio. He then learned the carpenter's trade, but after following this for a time he learned the trade of millwright, which he followed until 1906, be-

coming known throughout this locality as one of the most skillful workmen in this line that Wayne county could claim. On the last date mentioned he completed installing the machinery for the paper box factory at Rittman, and since that time he has followed general contracting, handling some big jobs and always keeping a large number of men in his employ. He is thoroughly modern in his ideas of all work in his line, and owing to the high grade of material he uses and the honest manner in which he deals with his fellow men, he has been very successful in his work, always giving satisfaction and evincing a desire to please, which has won the confidence of all with whom he has dealings.

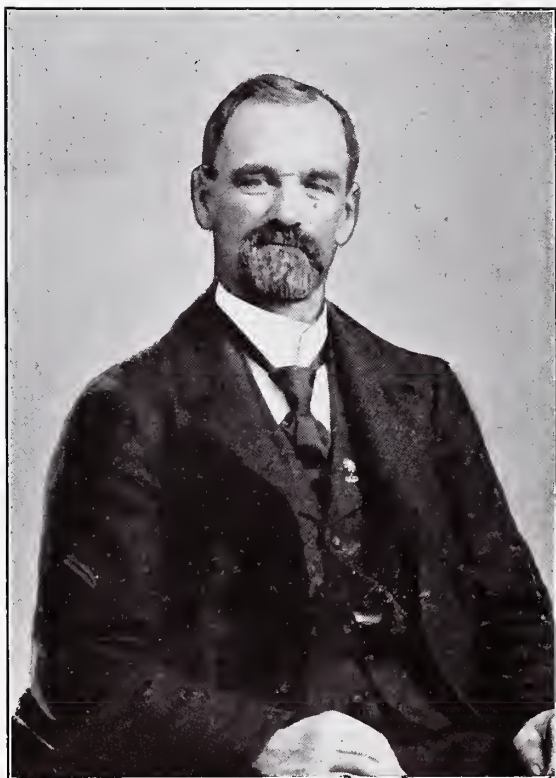
Mr. Schorger was married on June 30, 1881, to Cora E. Myers, the daughter of a fine old family of this county, of which locality she is a native and where she received her educational training. To this union three children were born, Mattie, Arlie and Maude. On September 7, 1907, Mr. Schorger was united in marriage with Mrs. Katherine (Fisher) Krout, a woman of excellent personal traits.

Mr. Schorger's children received good educations and are well situated in reference to this world's affairs. Mattie married E. R. Pennington. Arlie was educated at the University of Wooster, graduating from the chemistry department in 1906, having made a splendid record in the same. He then attended the Ohio State University one year, and later took the position of chemist for the government in the bureau of chemistry. The third child is Maud.

Politically Mr. Schorger is a Democrat. He is a man of unusual energy and determination and he knows how to handle men so as to get the best results from his work, and being a man of pleasing manners he is liked by all classes.

ANDREW SERFASS.

It should be a source of gratification to us if we can point to our ancestors and say that their reputations were always above the reproach of their fellow men, their careers being free from the shadow of wrong or the suspicion of evil. This Andrew Serfass can do, although he modestly refrains from any undue laudation of his family history, but those who are conversant with the facts regarding the several members of this well known family of Chippewa township will not hesitate to speak of their good qualities and their honorable lives.



ANDREW SERFASS



MRS. ANDREW SERFASS

Andrew Serfass was born in Summit county, Ohio, July 14, 1851, the son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Henich) Serfass. His parents were born in Pennsylvania and in a very early day removed to Ohio and settled in Chippewa township, where Cornelius Serfass died in 1866. His widow re-married and moved to Missouri, and after a residence of twenty-four years in that state, she returned to Wayne county, Ohio, where her death occurred in 1905. She lived a quiet and retired life, as did her husband, who took little part in public affairs, attending to his individual affairs. To Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Serfass seven children were born, six of whom are living in 1909. The paternal grandparents of Andrew Serfass were Peter and Eva Serfass, who came to Ohio, where Peter Serfass died. The subject's maternal grandparents lived in Pennsylvania.

Andrew Serfass was educated in the Norton public schools, working on the farm during the summer months. When he reached maturity he worked on the farm by the day, then purchased an interest in a threshing outfit and followed this line of work for a period of twenty-four years, becoming known throughout this locality as one of the leading threshers and he had an excellent patronage. Desiring to devote his attention exclusively to farming, he purchased a farm of fifty acres in 1905 within the corporation of Doylestown and has since lived retired, merely overseeing his place. He remodeled the house and barn, and now has a very attractive and comfortable home in which to spend his declining years. His place is well managed and general farming is made to pay.

Mr. Serfass was married on October 23, 1870, to Harriet Myers, a native of Summit county, Ohio, but she was reared in Wayne county. She is the daughter of John and Katherine Myers, old settlers in this county and a highly respected family, having come here from Pennsylvania early in 1837, making the journey in a wagon overland. Mr. Myers died February 27, 1882, and Mrs. Myers survived him until December 8, 1895. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Serfass, namely: Orpha, wife of Jacob Reagle; Harry died in infancy; George, who married Stella Calpetzer.

The father and two uncles of Mrs. Serfass assisted in clearing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Chippewa township, and they were all quite active in the local affairs of the township in those early days.

In politics Mr. Serfass is a Democrat and he has taken considerable interest in local affairs. He served on the school board for a period of three years. Both he and Mrs. Serfass belong to the Lutheran church; fraternally Mr. Serfass belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs, Mrs. Serfass also belonging to the last named order.

DAVID W. McCONNELL.

One of the well known and influential residents of Milton township, Wayne county, whose life has been so lived that it has not only resulted in good to himself and family, but also to the community in general, is D. W. McConnell, who was born in this township, in February, 1850, the son of Robert and Mary J. (Eshbaugh) McConnell, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter a native of Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents of D. W. McConnell were William and Mary (Russell) McConnell, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter either of that state or Ohio. They left Pennsylvania in 1828 and came to Wayne county, Ohio, locating in Milton township, north of Rittman. William McConnell became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land there, which was then in the wilderness, but this was improved and a good home established here. He also had forty acres "cornering" it. Some of this land now forms a part of Rittman. With the assistance of his eight sons, this land was soon cleared. There were also two daughters in their family. Their father was a strict Presbyterian and reared them in that faith. The maternal grandparents of D. W. McConnell were David and Katherine (Johnson) Eshbaugh, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and the latter a native of Maryland. About 1825 they settled one mile southeast of Rittman, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres from a Mr. Doyle, an extensive land dealer here in an early day, having bought much of the land in this part of Ohio from the government. Before his death, David Eshbaugh had accumulated three hundred and sixty acres of land in the northeastern part of Milton township. He cleared most of his later purchases, but always resided on the place he bought first. He reared two sons and four daughters, several children dying when young. He was a Republican in politics and took an active part in the affairs of his party. He was for many years a deacon in the Baptist church.

Robert McConnell, father of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was educated in a log school house in Milton township. When a young man he learned the carpenter trade, which he followed, together with farming, during his subsequent life. He was the owner of eighty acres of good land, the second farm west of where his son, David W., of this review, now resides. He became a skilled workman, and while working at his trade at the Rittman sawmill he was killed by the explosion of the boiler. Six others were also killed at that time, one of them being his son, who was also working there at the carpenter trade. Robert McConnell was forty-five years

of age at the time of his death. His children, now living, are, David W., of this review; Mrs. Mary Katherine Dieter; A. A., now sergeant on the police force of Akron, Ohio; John C., telegraph operator at Akron, Ohio.

David W. McConnell was educated in the district schools of Milton township and the Seville graded schools, and attended four terms of the Smithville Normal, after which he taught one term of school, after which he returned to Seville and took one more term's work. In the spring of the last year he was in school, his father was killed and he then returned to the farm, purchasing twenty-two acres, his uncle's share in the Eshbaugh homestead. He still lives on this place, which is located about one mile west of Rittman. Had Mr. McConnell followed teaching he would have doubtless become one of the noted educators of the county, but he has made a success at farming and led a freer and less trammled life. His mother and sisters have shares in the home place, and David W. farms their land in connection with his own, carrying on general farming and stock raising.

Mr. McConnell was married in 1875 to Katherine Petit, whose father was born in France, and came to Medina county, Ohio, and later to Wayne county. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. David W. McConnell: Ernest, who was married to Belle Mougey, daughter of Peter Mougey, mentioned in the sketch of Forest Mougey on another page of this work; Ernest McConnell and wife are the parents of one son, Mougey Dare; Beatrice B. married E. C. Hoover, of Medina county, and their children are, Doris, Iva and Glen David; Arthur married a Miss Blair, of Columbus, Ohio, and he is now a meat inspector at Peoria, Illinois; William R., who is taking an agricultural course at Columbus, Ohio.

David W. McConnell is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. In politics he is a Democrat and he has very faithfully performed the duties of the following offices: Township trustee (two terms), township and precinct assessor many times, and he has been a member of the school board or a director nearly all his mature life. The last time he ran for assessor of his precinct he received every vote cast; this shows his high standing in his community the interests of which he has long had at heart and labored to promote.

CHARLES R. MOINE.

One of the best known native sons of Milton township, of the younger generation, is Charles R. Moine, who, although a young man, has succeeded in the accomplishment of a definite purpose and illustrated the fact that perseverance and the exercise of proper tact will always win. He was born

December 1, 1877, the son of Julius Moine, one of Wayne county's highly respected citizens. Charles R. Moine was educated in the district schools and the Sterling high school, receiving a good education, and taught one term very acceptably. He then married and devoted his time to farming for a period of three years, which gave him a good start in life, but, observing a good opening for a meat market in Sterling, he turned his attention to that line of business for the next four years. Since that time he has engaged in various clerical work, at present being secretary of the Rittman Tile & Clay Product Company, which is enjoying a liberal patronage, largely due to his capable management. He also operates a grocery store in Sterling, which he established in 1909 and which is being conducted in such a manner as to gain him an additional income of no insignificant proportions.

Mr. Moine was married on June 11, 1899, to Alice Hoover, daughter of Christian Hoover, a pioneer of this part of Wayne county. He died in 1894 at an advanced age. To Mr. and Mrs. Moine the following children have been born: Wanda Margueretta and Julius Perry.

In his political relations Mr. Moine is a Democrat and he has taken considerable interest in local political affairs, and has held several local offices in a manner that brought praise from his constituents and showed that he has a capacity for such service. He was township clerk for four years, and at the same time he was clerk of the township school board. He is now filling his third year as justice of the peace. Religiously he is a Catholic, being reared in that faith. He is regarded by all who know him as a young man of excellent traits of character and business, always fair in his dealings with his fellow men and by reason of his excellent qualities as a mixer he is popular with all classes.

JACOB J. HAMMER.

No more loyal and progressive citizens are to be found within the prescribed limits of Wayne county than those born in Germany, for they are, as a rule, hard workers and public spirited and honorable in their social and public lives. Of this number the name of Jacob J. Hammer must be included. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 15, 1829, but most of his long and useful life has been spent in America. He was the son of John A. and Christena (Gardhefner) Hammer, who immigrated from the Fatherland to America in 1840 and settled in Lawrence township, Stark county, Ohio, where they followed farming and spent the remainder of their lives, having become very comfortably situated after coming to this country. They reared a family

of eight children, namely: Mary M., who married Allen Shunk; Dominick; Jacob J.; Catherine, who married John Weaver; Simon, Andrew; Elizabeth, who married John Warner; and John A.

Jacob J. Hammer was educated in Germany for the most part, though he studied in Ohio after coming here. He began life as a wagonmaker, having served an apprenticeship of three years in Stark county, Ohio. In 1851 he came to Doylestown, Wayne county, where he worked as a journeyman for one year, and in 1852 he started a shop at Easton, Chippewa township, which he successfully conducted until 1857, when he removed to Milton township, this county, where he followed farming for a period of ten years. In January, 1867, he located on the farm which he owned until his death in Chippewa township. A vein of coal underlay about fifty acres of the same, which was very valuable. It was first developed by the Silver Creek Mining & Railroad Company and later by H. E. Loomis.

In 1854 Jacob J. Hammer was married to Mary Elizabeth Kindig, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Elizabeth (Whitman) Kindig, of Chippewa township, and to this union twelve children were born, namely: John M.; Charles B., deceased; Mary L.; Christiana J., who married Peter Schwalbach; Andrew B.; Clement L. V.; Rebecca E.; Catherine L., who married J. M. Hall; Emma M., who married C. W. Kirk; Augusta C., who married James Hoyer; Josephine M., who married W. G. Neichter; and Grace.

Jacob J. Hammer was called upon by the messenger from the unseen world to close his earthly accounts on December 5, 1892, after a most exemplary, useful and active life during which he laid by an ample competency for his family and succeeded in endearing his memory to a host of friends and acquaintances. After his death twenty acres more of his farm were found to be underlaid with coal and it was operated by the Jones Coal Company, and it yielded abundantly until 1908.

Mr. Hammer was elected trustee of Chippewa township, serving two terms, and he was elected a third term, but died before it expired. He was a Democrat in his political views, and he was a faithful member of the Catholic church, to which his family also belong. He left behind him a good name and his loss was felt keenly by all who knew him.

DR. JOHN F. REINHARDT.

Wayne county can boast of few more progressive and successful citizens than the well-known gentleman whose name furnishes the caption of this review. He is considered one of the leading agriculturists of East Union

township and has won a reputation as a veterinary surgeon second to none in northern Ohio. As a citizen he is not only intelligent and enterprising but combined within himself are those sterling qualities of manhood that make not only a useful member of society, but a leader of whatever he undertakes.

Dr. J. F. Reinhardt was born in Paint township, Wayne county, Ohio, May 20, 1859, the son of J. F. and Verna (Fetter) Reinhardt. J. F. Reinhardt was born in Germany, but when young in years he made the tedious voyage across the great Atlantic and the still more arduous journey to the Middle States in the year 1843, locating at Mt. Eaton, Ohio. He had no capital when he came here and he worked as a farm hand for a period of fifteen years, at the end of which time he was still a poor man. He later made his home with his son and there lived comfortably. He was married in 1854, and this union resulted in the birth of one son, Dr. J. F., of this review.

Doctor Reinhardt worked on the home farm during the summer seasons in his boyhood and attended the district schools in winter until he was seventeen years of age. He became a student at the Toronto Veterinary College from 1889 to 1890, after he was thirty years of age, having lived on a rented farm up till he attended college. He made a very commendable record there, after which he returned to Wayne county, and, for a period of twenty years, practiced his profession at Apple Creek in a most successful manner, winning a wide reputation in this line and building up a very lucrative and extensive patronage.

Doctor Reinhardt rented a farm when he first started out in life for himself on which he remained for four years. Starting with an indebtedness of three hundred dollars, but being backed with sound common sense, the rare ability to accurately foresee the outcome of present business transactions and the courage to push forward in the face of all obstacles, he has been unusually successful in whatever he has directed his attention to. He first bought twenty-seven acres in Holmes county, this state, which he sold two years later with a profit of nine hundred dollars. He then bought forty acres in Paint township, Wayne county. His parents moved thereto and resided on the same the rest of their lives. He retained this farm until 1900, when he disposed of it and bought ninety-five acres; this was in 1901 and two years later he secured eighteen acres additional, making in all an excellent farm of one hundred and fourteen acres. This farm lies in the edge of Apple Creek and is among the most valuable tracts in the township, being very productive and highly improved in every respect. On this farm is to be seen a modern, attractive and beautifully located dwelling, also substantial outbuildings. In 1904 the Doctor erected a fine horse barn in Apple Creek, and, in connection

with his farming, he deals in horses extensively. He is the owner of three valuable properties in Apple Creek, and he is conservatively worth sixteen thousand dollars, all of which he has made unaided, having started in life empty handed and under the ban of discouraging environment, but to such as he obstacles do not mean what they do to most, for men of proper mettle delight in overcoming whatever lies in their road to success, and while he has been advancing his own interests he has not been neglectful of his duty to others, always considerate of the rights of his fellow citizens and honest in all his relations with them.

Doctor Reinhardt was married on December 28, 1880, to Sarah J. Maurer, daughter of Abraham Maurer, a resident of Mt. Eaton, Ohio. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, one son and two daughters, namely: Dr. Alvin A., a practicing veterinary surgeon at Berea, Ohio; Nora M. was educated at Oberlin, Ohio, and she is very ably serving as assistant cashier in the Apple Creek bank; Ada B. has been carefully trained in music, and has reached high attainment in voice culture.

Members of this family belong to the Reformed church at Apple Creek, Ohio, being liberal supporters of the same. Politically, Doctor Reinhardt is a Republican, but he was reared a Democrat. He takes an abiding interest in whatever tends to develop his community, and personally he is a pleasant man to meet, friendly, generous and hospitable.

WILLIAM BIXLER.

The Bixler family have figured prominently in the affairs of Wayne county since the early days, having established reputations for loyalty to public enterprises and honorable dealing in all the avenues of life. A well known name here is that of William Bixler, a native of Sugar Creek township, this county, where he was born on March 10, 1868, the son of David and Magdalena (Hofstetter) Bixler, the former born in Sugar Creek township in 1846 and the latter in the same vicinity in 1848; they grew up and married there and have made their home in the same locality. Jacob Bixler, the grandfather, was a native of canton Bern, Switzerland, having grown to maturity there, coming to America in a very early day, shortly after his marriage to Elizabeth Cammerman, and, making their way to the interior, settled in Sugar Creek township where they lived until their deaths, having developed a farm in the wilderness. They were the parents of a large family, about fifteen children.

William Bixler, of this review, is the second member of a family of ten children. He worked on the home farm during the crop season and attended the neighboring schools in the wintertime, later studied at the Dalton high school and the Smithville Academy. Having applied himself very assiduously to his text-books, he made a very commendable record and fitted himself for a career as teacher, becoming in due course of time one of the best known local educators, his services having been in great demand. He taught nine terms very successfully, pleasing both pupil and patron. He grew tired of the schoolroom, however, and longed for the more untrammelled life of the husbandman, consequently went back to the farm, closer to the heart of nature, from whence many, especially those of the temperament of Mr. Bixler, derive lessons of the higher sensibilities, reverence, courage, purity and hope. He is the owner of a well tilled and well kept farm of seventy-three acres in section 7, Sugar Creek township, where he carries on general farming with wise discretion and foresight. He is a lover of good horses, and feeds them for the market. He has a cozy and nicely furnished home and all the out-buildings and farming machinery that his needs require.

Mr. Bixler was married in 1893 to Caroline Amstutz, a lady of many praiseworthy personal traits, a native of this county, where her birth occurred in 1863. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Calvin, born March 14, 1894; Dale, born December 3, 1898; Elma, born December 18, 1903.

In politics Mr. Bixler is a substantial Democrat and he is at this writing the land appraiser of Sugar Creek township. Religiously he and his family belong to the Mennonite church. He takes a great deal of interest in the welfare of his township and owing to his genuine worth, his integrity and friendly manner, he has the friendship of all who know him.

JOHN E. ETLING.

The men who have pushed forward the wheels of progress have been those to whom satisfaction lies ever in the future, who have labored continuously, always finding in each transaction and transition state an incentive to further effort. J. E. Etling, of this review, is one whose well directed efforts have gained for him a position of desirable prominence in his neighborhood in Chippewa township, Wayne county, where he was born on the same place that he now owns, January 12, 1859, the son of William and Abigail (Myers) Etling, a complete history of the parents being found in the sketch of A. Etling, appearing on another page of this work. Suffice it here to say that

the ancestors of the subject were people of worth and influence and among the leading residents of their respective communities.

J. E. Etling was educated in the district school No. 7, in Chippewa township, which he attended during the winter months, it being necessary for him to assist with the work on the farm in the summer time. The work he did with his father on the home place when a boy well fitted him for his subsequent career as an agriculturist, he having began farming for himself at the age of twenty-one, renting the home place, continuing thus for twelve years, when he purchased the same, having prospered and saved his money until he then had a good start. It was in April, 1892, that he bought the north half and in 1907 he purchased the south half, and he has since added to that until he is now the owner of two hundred and four acres in one body in Chippewa township and as fine land as the township affords.

Mr. Etling has shown that he is an excellent manager by the manner in which he has improved his land and the abundant harvests he has reaped from his well cultivated fields and the excellent grade of livestock which he markets from year to year, having carried on general farming and stock raising in a manner that shows him to be fully abreast of the times. He has a commodious and well furnished residence and many good outbuildings. He cleared twenty-five acres of the home farm, which is now all cleared but two and one-half acres.

Mr. Etling was married in 1880 to Elizabeth Shafer, whose parents were natives of Germany, though born in different provinces. They came to Wayne county, Ohio, many years ago and became fairly prosperous and well known. To Mr. and Mrs. Etling the following children have been born: Viola B., now Mrs. Frank Snyder, of Barberton, Ohio; W. B. married Mary Rich and works for his father; Eva Grace married John Morningstar, of Canal Fulton, this state; Charles W. married Ida Byler, of Barberton; Isa Abigail, who also lives in Barberton, married Robert Rasor; J. H. is living at home, as are also Minnie Ethel, who married Mr. Frasse, and Jefferson G.

Politically, Mr. Etling is a Democrat, and he has been a member of the school board and a trustee of Chippewa township, serving these offices to the entire satisfaction of all and with much credit to himself.

DAVID H. WARFEL.

Success has been worthily attained by David H. Warfel, one of the most progressive and best known citizens of Greene township, Wayne county, who is today accounted one of the leading farmers here. To his energy, en-

terprise, careful management and keen discernment his present station in life is attributed. He started upon his career as an independent factor at the bottom of the ladder, and is now, after meeting and surmounting many obstacles that would have completely baffled others, the owner of a very desirable farm property and a competency, and occupies a conspicuous place in the front rank of successful agriculturists of this locality.

Mr. Warfel is a native of Stark county, Ohio, where he first saw the light of day June 15, 1853. He is the son of Henry and Nancy (Horst) Warfel. Henry Warfel was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1820. He grew to manhood and was educated there, coming to Wayne county, Ohio, about 1856, settling in Greene township about 1860 and living there the remainder of his days. He was a very industrious man and became the owner of one hundred acres of good land, developing it into one of the choice places of the township. He was an influential man in his community, an unswerving Republican and a man who delighted to see others prosper as well as himself and family. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Warfel the following children were born: Eliza, who became the wife of John Stuckey; Frances is the wife of Marcus Adams; David.

David Warfel was reared on the old home farm in Greene township, working with his father during the summer months when he became of proper age, and attending the district schools during the winters until he was twenty years of age, when he turned his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits.

The marriage of Mr. Warfel occurred in 1875 and it was solemnized with Susie Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller, a highly respected citizen of this county for many years. Mrs. Warfel was born in this county and received her education in the home schools. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Maggie L., wife of Wellrose Hunter, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Harry, who is now deceased, married Emma Zimmerman; Icie Dell is a bookkeeper in Wooster, Ohio. Mr. Warfel is a believer in education and he has given his children every advantage possible and they have become influential in the circles in which they move. The mother of these children was called to her rest on February 8, 1888.

Mr. Warfel, like many another business man, has met with many discouraging situations during his career, but the fabled fates could not crush him and he always plunged forward with a determination and a tact that won out in the end, and today he is one of the substantial citizens of Greene township, having been very successful during the latter years, and he now owns

four hundred and ten acres, under an excellent state of improvement. This comprises three tracts, on each of which are splendid improvements. He has so skillfully managed his crops that the soil has retained its original fertility. He has a modern, comfortable and beautifully located home and substantial outbuildings. He has been very successful in many deals, especially in the handling of livestock, he having bought and disposed of a very large number of draft horses, being an exceptionally good judge of such animals. Everything about the place shows thrift and prosperity and that a gentleman of excellent tastes and good management has its affairs in hand.

Personally, Mr. Warfel is regarded as scrupulously honest and he is friendly to all with whom he comes into contact, thereby winning and retaining the good-will of his fellow citizens.

WELLROSE HUNTER.

Back to the interesting pioneer days is traced the Hunter lineage in Wayne county and it is safe to say that no family has been more closely in touch with the trend of events here in all the phases of development than those who bear this name, for they have not labored alone for their individual advancement, but also for the general good, thereby winning the highest esteem of all with whom they came into contact. One of the best-known members of the family today is Wellrose Hunter, who was born in East Union township, Wayne county, April 28, 1870, the son of Henry and Mary J. (Orr) Hunter. Henry Hunter was born in East Union township in 1844 and he has spent his life in this locality, residing now in Orrville, this county. He has seen the country develop from a wilderness to its present prosperity, and he himself took no small part in the upbuilding of the same, receiving his just reward for labor thus expended.

Wellrose Hunter was the oldest of a family of three children, the other two children being Nola and Della, the latter the wife of Will Wright. The subject of this sketch was reared on the home farm in East Union township, where he began working when merely a boy. When he became of proper age he attended the district schools in his native vicinity during the winter months until he was twenty years of age, receiving a very good education for he always applied himself in a very careful manner. He very early decided to devote his life to farming and he has certainly made a success of the same, now operating as fine land as Greene township can boast, which

he rents, and upon which he conducts a general farming business, and he is also interested in the feeding of heavy draft horses, which he buys, feeds and sells, no small part of his annual income being derived from this source, for he is a good judge of that kind of animal and knows how to handle them.

Mr. Hunter was married in 1899 to Magdalena Warfel, daughter of David Warfel, a well-known citizen of this county, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following four children: Russel, who is nine years old at this writing; Irene and Arline, twins, born in April, 1903; Harry was born in February, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are members of the Lutheran church in East Union township where they are faithful attendants. Politically, Mr. Hunter is a Republican, and of recent years he has taken a very active part in his party's affairs,—in fact, he is always interested in whatever tends to the development of his community and is always ready to lend a helping hand.

DUDLEY S. ORR.

The record of Dudley S. Orr is that of a man who by his own unaided efforts worked his way from a modest beginning to a position of comparative affluence and influence in the agricultural affairs of East Union township, Wayne county. His life has been of unceasing industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable methods which he has followed have won him the unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Orr was born in East Union township, this county, December 20, 1874, and he has achieved success at a much earlier age than most men, being yet young in years but ripe in experience. He is the son of W. C. and Mary B. (Bott) Orr; the father was born in East Union township, Wayne county, Ohio, and he was reared here and married in this vicinity and has spent his life here. He and his wife became the parents of three children, namely: Laura, wife of Harry Jameson, of Apple Creek; Ida, who married a Mr. McCullough, is deceased.

Dudley S. Orr was reared on the home farm in East Union township, which he worked when very young during the summer season, attending the winter term of schools in that district in the meantime, but he managed to get a very good education which has since been greatly supplemented by general home reading and observation by coming in contact with the world.

When but a young man he started in life for himself and adopted farm-

ing, which line of endeavor he has always followed, and, being a hard worker and quick to see the trend of events, he has been very successful as an agriculturist and stock raiser. He now owns a neat little farm of thirty-seven acres where he lives and another of fine soil south of his home place in East Union township, the latter farm consisting of ninety-three acres. He has a very cozy home and a good orchard and garden,—in fact, everything to make life on a farm desirable.

Mr. Orr was married to Bertha Carson, daughter of John Carson, a well-known citizen in his community, their wedding occurring in the fall of 1895, Mrs. Orr was born in the state of Pennsylvania, and when sixteen years of age she came to Wayne county, Ohio, with her parents. To Mr. and Mrs. Orr six children have been born, named as follows: Donald, Ross, Velma, Wilbur, Cloyce and Rene.

Politically, Mr. Orr is a Republican, and he and his family are well liked by all who know them, owing to their pleasant demeanor in mingling with both stranger and neighbor.

LEVI S. RUDY.

Prominent among the worthy representatives of the pioneer element that cleared the wilderness which covered the rich soil of Wayne county and developed therefrom as fine farms as any state in the Union can boast, is the Rudy family, who were also prominent in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, before migrating westward, and of the descendants of the same, Levi S. Rudy, the well-known agriculturist and stock raiser of Sugar Creek township, is a representative and worthy of a conspicuous place in the present volume. For many years he has been a forceful factor in the growth and prosperity of the same, and as such his name and reputation have extended far beyond the limits of the locality in which the greater part of his life has been spent. He is the son of David Rudy and the grandson of Christian Rudy, who came to Ohio in 1832, a detailed history of each of whom is to be found in the sketch of David Rudy, on another page of this work. Levi S. Rudy was born in Greene township, Wayne county, near Orrville, October 8, 1843. He worked on the home farm and attended the neighboring schools during the winter months, attending school in Orrville and Sugar Creek township, and received a very good education. He remained under the parental roof-tree until 1864, when he could no longer repress his patriotic

pride, and enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteers, and he did very creditable duty until his enlistment expired, four months later, having during that period acted as guard at Fort Ethan Allen and Fort Marcy. Returning to the home farm, he worked on the same until his marriage, in the spring of 1867, to Eliza E. Erwin, who was born in Sugar Creek township in April, 1846. After this event he rented his father's farm two years and then purchased the farm and there remained for a period of forty years. He prospered from the first, the place consisting of one hundred and sixty-three acres, on which he made all the improvements, and it is safe to say that no richer soil and no better improved farm is to be found in Sugar Creek township. It has been so skillfully managed that abundant harvests are reaped from year to year and the original fertility of the soil has been retained. He has been a hard working man, and no small part of his ample competency has been gained through the successful handling of livestock, especially horses, which he buys, feeds and sells, no trouble being experienced in making sales owing to the fine quality of the animals he handles. being an excellent judge of a horse. He has on the farm a beautifully located home which is cozy and well furnished, and everything about the place shows that a gentleman of good taste and excellent judgment has its management in hand. In fact, no more progressive and up-to-date agriculturist could be found within the prescribed limits of Wayne county. Mr. Rudy built a fine new residence, located a half mile east of Dalton, into which he moved in the spring of 1909.

To Mr. and Mrs. Levi S. Rudy three sons have been born, namely: Clyde, 1874; Guy, 1875; Merle, 1885. All received a good high school and collegiate education and are well launched in business affairs.

Mr. Rudy is a member of the Presbyterian church at Dalton, this county, being one of the ruling elders of the same and active in its various lines of work, also a liberal supporter of the church, and takes an interest in Sunday school work. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic post at Dalton. Politically he is a Republican. He is held in high esteem by all who know him for his public spirit, his exemplary life and his genial disposition and generous nature.

WILLIAM HOSTETTLER.

A man who is eminently deserving of a place in this work is William Hostettler, partly because he is the representative of an excellent old family and partly because of his pronounced success in life in the face of obstacles

that would have made many another man falter, if not entirely overwhelmed him. He is a native of Holmes county, which adjoins Wayne on the south, his birth occurring October 26, 1844, the son of Christian Hostettler, who was born in canton Berne, Switzerland, January 1, 1801. He became a prominent veterinary surgeon and later a practicing physician. He married Margaret Pauli in 1822, and in 1834 they came to America, the voyage being a long and tedious one owing to the primitive methods of ocean-going vessels at that time, the trip requiring thirty-one days. They had heard of the great opportunities that existed in Holmes county, Ohio, and at once came here and purchased a piece of land, which Doctor Hostettler improved in connection with his practice of medicine, in time becoming well fixed in reference to the material things of life. His first wife died and he was married again in 1852, his last wife having been known in her maidenhood as Magdalena Hebiza. The Doctor became the father of nine children by his first wife and seven by his second; they were: Elizabeth, John, Joseph, Anna, Ulrich, Barbara, Peter, Mary, William, Susan, Amelia, Fred, Caroline and Daniel.

William Hostettler was reared on the farm in Holmes county and when ten years of age moved with his two brothers to East Union township. He received a somewhat limited education in the common schools, principally after he came to Wayne county. When fifteen years of age he worked on a farm by the month, and thereby got a start in life. He was married March 16, 1875, to Mary A. Blosser, a sister of P. S. Blosser. The Blossers have long been a highly respected family in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Hostettler have had no children of their own, but, out of the kindness of their hearts, they reared a girl, Fairy T. D. Nusbaum, to the age of thirteen years, her death occurring in 1892.

Mr. and Mrs. Hostettler started out in life with but little of this world's goods; they rented land for six years, and, being hard workers and economical, they were enabled to save enough beyond living expenses to buy a farm in Sugar Creek township, consisting of eighty acres, a part of which they went in debt for, but, prospering here, the place has been paid for and greatly improved, and here they have made a very comfortable living and have a cozy home and everything in the way of livestock, poultry and small fruits that their needs require. However, they are now making their home in Dalton, where they own one and one-half acres, but Mr. Hostettler keeps in close touch with his farm. He has laid by an ample competency for his declining years. In politics he is a Democrat, but he does not take a very active inter-

est in political affairs. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church at Mount Eaton, this county. They are highly respected by the congregation of this church and by all with whom they have come into contact, for their lives have been led along worthy lines.

WILLIAM D. KOSIER.

Many of the best and most progressive citizens of Wayne county, Ohio, are of German and Irish descent and of this class William D. Kosier is deserving a place in the county's history owing to his life of industry and honor. He was born in Dalton, Sugar Creek township, this county, in 1849, the son of George and Sarah (Wilson) Kosier, natives of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, who came to Dalton, this county, in 1854. William D. Kosier's paternal grandparents came to America from Germany and his maternal grandparents came from Ireland. George Kosier, father of William D., was an undertaker and cabinetmaker in Dalton, Ohio, for a period of forty years, having been very successful in his line. He and his wife each died at the age of eighty-four years. The father was a Republican and a loyal Union man, and the paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Mexican war. To George Kosier and wife the following children were born: Mary Wadsworth, Sarah, Alice, Bertha, William D. (subject), Frank, George and Charles. the last named being deceased.

Alexander Wilson, brother of Mrs. George Kosier, moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1861 and there followed the trade of coppersmith, being at that time the only skilled artisan in his line there, and he conducted a large business. Four of his sons went through the Civil war in the Federal army and they were later successful business and professional men in St. Paul.

William D. Kosier, of this review, was educated at Dalton, this county, and early in life began carpentering and contracting, and for eight years he was a lumber dealer. In 1894 he bought the farm he now owns, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres, in Chippewa township, south of Easton. It is one of the best in the neighborhood and has been so managed as to yield rich reward for the labor expended upon it. Since purchasing this place Mr. Kosier has devoted his attention exclusively to his agricultural and stock-raising pursuits, making a specialty of Holstein cattle, and he also keeps an excellent grade of other stock, for which he always finds a ready market, his place, which is widely known as the Champion Hill Stock Farm, being one of the "show" places in this vicinity.

Mr. Kosier was married on March 18, 1875, to Susan Echard, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Hartman) Echard, who came to this country from Baden, Germany, in 1830. They lived three years in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, then settled two miles south of Dalton, Wayne county, Ohio; however, they spent some time in Chippewa township before going to Sugar Creek township. Peter Echard bought timber land here and cleared it, on which he farmed extensively and became well-to-do. To Mr. and Mrs. Kosier the following citizens have been born: Elma, now Mrs. G. H. Houser; Emma, who married Reuben Messer; Merwin, Ray and Ralph.

Mr. Kosier is a Republican in politics; he has been school director in Chippewa township and he was a member of the city council of Dalton for a period of twelve years. In 1904 he was elected director of the infirmary, but he did not know that he was on the ticket until after the election. He is a Republican and always active in the party, and in all positions of public trust in which he has been placed he has never betrayed the confidence of his constituents, but has made a most efficient, careful and conservative official. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and the former has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1874.

DAVID RUDY.

Among the citizens of Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, who have built up a comfortable home and surrounded themselves with large evidences of their thrift and ingenuity, few have attained a greater degree of success or won a higher place in the citizenship of the community than David Rudy, a member of one of the old and prominent families of this section of the Buckeye state. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where members of the family have been well known for a century and a half, the date of his birth being given as December 21, 1816. Thus his life has been prolonged well toward the century mile-post, and now in its golden evening it is a blessing to all those who come into contact with this upright and useful patriarch—a link between the primitive past and the opulent present. He is the son of Christian and Barbara (Mayers) Rudy, the former born December 1, 1790, and the latter born on September 27, 1793, both in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. On October 9, 1834, Christian Rudy came to Wayne county, Ohio, and located where the north edge of Dalton now extends, purchasing

ninety acres, on which the family remained until the spring of 1835, when they moved on the farm where David L. Rudy now lives. He secured a good piece of land, which he greatly improved, making a comfortable home, and he became prosperous, being an up-to-date farmer for his day, finally becoming the owner of most of the land adjoining the town of Dalton, in all eight hundred and forty-four acres. He also became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Iowa. He is remembered as a very liberal man, doing many acts of kindness for his neighbors. He was a member of the Mennonite church, and politically a Whig, later a Republican when that party was organized. The death of this excellent man occurred on July 13, 1875, and that of his wife on October 3, 1858. They had a large family, David Rudy, subject of this biographical review, being the second in order of birth. He was a young man when he came with his parents to Wayne county, Ohio. Here he assisted in clearing the land secured by his father, attending the common schools during a brief time each winter until he had obtained a fairly good education for those early days, most of his education having been secured in Pennsylvania. He soon devoted all his attention to farming. He delights to tell of the removal of the family from their old home in Lancaster county to Wayne county, the trip overland being made with a five-horse team which he drove. He assisted with the work on the farm until he was twenty-three years of age.

Mr. Rudy was married on January 15, 1839, to Mary Martin, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1819. Soon afterwards David's father gave him one of his farms, consisting of one hundred and twenty-eight acres, on which he and his bride settled; prospering, they added ninety acres to the same, where the city of Orrville now stands, and at this writing Mr. Rudy is the owner of two hundred acres of fine land where he now resides in Sugar Creek township. He operated a threshing machine very successfully for some time. In 1852 he bought his present farm and in 1853 moved on the same. He met with the misfortune to lose his right leg in 1855, it being caught in the threshing machine, but notwithstanding this handicap he managed to farm until his boys were large enough to carry on the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy became the parents of eight children, namely: Henry, deceased; Fannie, deceased; Levi S., born October 8, 1843; Sarah, born March 19, 1845; David C., born November 1, 1846; Mary A., deceased; Elizabeth M. and Barbara, deceased. All these children received a good common school education. David C. married Julia Chatelain.

Mr. Rudy is a member of the Mennonite church, and politically he is a Republican. He is a man in whom the people of his neighborhood have placed a great deal of confidence and he has settled thirty-one good estates. He is well informed regarding the statutes of the state of Ohio, and he is one of the most useful and honored men of Sugar Creek township.

ISAAC A. MYERS.

All credit is due the man who starts in life with but little of this world's goods and no influential friends to help him hew his career through the avenue of obstacles that necessarily lie in wait along his future pathway, and he who removes such barriers one by one and wins a place of respectability and financial ease among his fellow men is undoubtedly the possessor of strong characteristics. Such phraseology might well be applied to I. A. Myers, a farmer and stock man of East Union township, Wayne county, for we shall see by a brief study of his career that he has persevered on his own account until success has crowned his efforts. He was born in Wooster township, this county, March 17, 1866, the son of Milton and Catherine (Kick) Myers, a well known family in that community.

I. A. Myers was reared on the home farm, where he began assisting with the work during the crop seasons very early, and he attended the district schools during the winter months, receiving a very good education. He was ambitious to become a merchant and when twenty-one years of age entered a dry goods store in Fulton county, Ohio, having been employed by F. J. Dimkey, of Archbold, this state, and he remained in his employ for a period of eight years, rendering very faithful service and learning much regarding the mercantile business.

After leaving the store Mr. Myers returned to Wooster, Ohio, and married Elizabeth A. Sands, daughter of J. W. Sands, long an influential citizen of this county.

After his marriage, Mr. Myers rented land for one year, then moved to East Union township in 1895, where he has since remained. He owns the old J. W. Sands farm of one hundred and nine acres, which he has greatly improved and built up the soil until it ranks well with the best farms in the township. He has a very comfortable home, good barn and outbuildings, orchard, garden,—in fact, whatever goes to make a successful country place. No small part of Mr. Myers' income is derived from his successful handling of

livestock, which he buys, feeds and sells; being a good judge of stock, a careful buyer and knowing how to properly manage all kinds of stock, he finds a ready market for what he has to sell in that line, and he is widely known in this locality and those adjoining as a stock man.

To Mr. and Mrs. Myers have been born two sons and one daughter, Zoma, John and Anthony.

Fraternally, Mr. Myers is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Politically, he is a Democrat, having long taken considerable interest in the success of his party locally, and as a reward for his loyalty his fellow citizens gave him the office of treasurer of East Union township, which position he held with much fidelity and credit for a period of four years. He is one of the influential citizens of this township.

GEORGE BRENIZER.

The respect which should always be accorded to the brave sons of the North who left homes and the peaceful pursuits of civil life to give their services, and their lives if need be, to preserve the integrity of the American Union is certainly due the gentleman to a brief review of whose life the following lines are devoted. He proved his love and loyalty to the government on the long and tiresome marches in all kinds of situations, exposed to summer's withering heat and winter's freezing cold, on the lonely picket line a target for the unseen foe, on the tented field and amid the flame and smoke of battle, where the rattle of the musketry mingled with the terrible concussion of the bursting shell and the deep diapason of the cannon's roar made up the sublime but awful chorus of death. Among these valiant defenders of the Union and Old Glory was the subject of this sketch and he is eminently entitled to representation in a work of this character.

George Brenizer is a native of Wayne county, Ohio, having been born in Canaan township, and is the son of John, Jr., and Susan (Irvin) Brenizer. John Brenizer, Jr., was born in Canaan township in 1821 and died in 1902, while his wife, who was born also in Pennsylvania November 7, 1821, died March 24, 1878. The subject's paternal grandfather, John Brenizer, Sr., was of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock and was himself born in the Keystone state, from whence he came to Wayne county, Ohio. The subject's maternal grandfather, George Irvin, was a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and came to Wayne county in an early day. John Brenizer, Jr., was a carpenter by trade,



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but eventually went to farming, buying a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Canaan township. To this he later added sixty acres and he cultivated this farm until late in life, when he disposed of it. He was a Democrat in politics up to the candidacy of Abraham Lincoln, when he became a Republican and afterwards voted that ticket. He was a member of the Dunkard or German Baptist church. He was the father of nine children, namely: Catherine, George (the subject of this sketch), John F., Samuel, Edmond A., Franklin, Albert L., Clara E. and one that died in infancy unnamed.

George Brenizer of this review received his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood, his studies being interrupted at the age of seventeen years by the outbreak of the Civil war. The firing on Fort Sumter had fired all his youthful patriotism and on October 8, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In the engagement at Chickasaw Bayou, Kentucky, under Morgan and DeCoursey, he supported a battery and later participated in a charge, during which he received severe wound in the head caused by the explosion of a shell, rendering him unconscious and causing him to be left on the field as dead. For three days he lay there unconscious and finally was placed with hundreds of dead in a trench for burial by his comrades. Franklin Feeman, a drummer boy of his regiment, came along and was looking over the faces of the dead to see whom he recognized, when he thought he saw signs of life in Mr. Brenizer. Help was summoned and the injured man was carried to the camp fire, for it was in the cold of winter. The warm fire aroused Mr. Brenizer so that he showed unmistakable signs of life and he was at once taken to the hospital boat and thence conveyed to the Stearns Hospital at Paducah, Kentucky. There shattered pieces of skull were removed from the right side of his head and he began slowly to recover, although the surgeons prophesied his death. Four months afterwards he was taken to the City Hospital at Columbus, Ohio, where he began to convalesce, and two weeks later he was removed to the hospital at Camp Denison, where he remained until able to travel, when he went to Cincinnati and was there formally discharged from the service. After his return home he still felt the effects of his terrible wound, being partially paralyzed on the left side of his body, but this disability gradually left him, in a measure, though for several years he was unable to do any heavy work and still feels its effects. Eventually, however, he took up farm work and later worked at the carpentering business, being naturally an adept in the use of tools. He engaged in school teaching, being so employed during four terms, and then did some canvassing. He is now living practically retired, and is

living in Pleasant Home, Congress township, where he lives in a comfortable home. He is a man whom to know is to honor and he enjoys the confidence and regard of all who know him.

On the 7th of June, 1870, Mr. Brenizer was united in marriage with Elizabeth Ellen Atkinson, who was born February 18, 1847, at Wooster, Ohio, the daughter of James T. and Mary (Long) Atkinson, residents of that city, where both died. To this union have been born two children, namely: George Elvin, born April 18, 1871, a machinist, and Appalonia Grace, born November 26, 1876, who is the wife of Frank Weltmer, a farmer of this county.

In politics Mr. Brenizer is a supporter of the Republican party when national politics are involved, but in local elections he votes for the man best qualified for office. He is opposed to the liquor traffic and whenever possible casts his ballot against the liquor interests. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church. Socially he is a member of Wooster Post No. 133, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has served as post chaplain and assistant inspector. Mr. Brenizer is a quiet, unobtrusive citizen, busily occupied with his own affairs, and is now enjoying that rest which he has so richly earned.

AMANDUS W. BRENNEMAN.

It was a tedious, difficult, if not a dangerous journey which John R. Brenneman, father of the gentleman whose name initiates this sketch, took when he left his native hills in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1837, and came overland across rugged heights and through well-nigh fordless streams, wending his way westward to the newer and inviting county of Wayne in the Buckeye state. But he was a man of courage and determination and consequently he was not appalled at the vast stretches of wilderness that confronted him here, but, like the sterling pioneer that he was, he at once set to work with a will and soon had a good start. Settling in Greene township, he later moved to East Union township, where he lived the remainder of his days, battling with a resisting nature until he won from the soil not only a good living for himself and family, but something to lay by for the days when old age forbade him taking an active part in the affairs of life. He married Eliza Walter and to them eleven children were born, eight of whom lived to maturity.

Amandus W. Brenneman, one of the number, was born in East Union township, this county, August 20, 1854. The other children were Elva A.,

Charles, Walter; Ellen became the wife of Elmer McAfee (deceased); Emma A. married W. C. Orr; William married twice, first to Lois Shreve, who died, after which event he married Lizzie Musselman; Frank married Cora Stauffer; Ida has remained single; Mary is the wife of E. J. Steele; Samuel married Nettie Redwine.

Amandus W. Brenneman was reared on the old homestead and a great deal of work fell to him on the farm, which he performed uncomplainingly,—in fact, he took naturally to farming and did not care to do anything else; he also delighted to accompany his father on his trips with his threshing machine about the country. But he found time in the midst of his active life as a boy to attend the district schools, later going to school at Smithville, Ohio. Applying himself very diligently to his studies, he became equipped for a teacher, which he followed for three years, but not finding the life of a teacher exactly to his tastes, he turned his attention to farming and also to carpentering, which he has since continued, the two making him an excellent living and permitting the laying by of a competency for his old age.

Mr. Brenneman was married in 1883 to Savilla M. Bechtel, who had been married to H. Brenneman. She is the daughter of John Bechtel, a well-known citizen of Orrville, this county. She became the mother of one child by her first marriage, Bertha M., born in 1880, and died in 1909; she had married J. C. Odenkirk. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Amandus W. Brenneman, namely: Harriet E., born in August, 1891, and Allen J., born in September, 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Brenneman are members of the East Union Lutheran church, the former being one of the elders and a liberal supporter of the same. Politically, he is a Republican, and he served as trustee of Greene township at one time, and he is at this writing the land appraiser of East Union township. He has always proved worthy of all trusts reposed in him, being honest and industrious.

GUY M. RUDY.

The well-directed efforts of Guy M. Rudy, one of the best known of the younger generation of agriculturists of Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, have brought him success, his life demonstrating what may be accomplished by the man of energy and ambition, who is not afraid to work and has the perse-

verance to continue his labors, even in the face of seemingly discouraging obstacles, possessing many of the sterling traits of his honored ancestors who have figured prominently in the affairs of this locality since the pioneer days. He is the son of Levi S. Rudy and the grandson of David Rudy, and the great-grandson of Christian Rudy, who was the first member of this family to settle in Wayne county, Ohio, where he came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. For a full history of these ancestors the reader is directed to the sketch of David Rudy, on another page of this work. Guy M. Rudy was born August 8, 1875, in Sugar Creek township, on the farm where he now resides, and is the second son of Levi S. and Elizabeth (Ervin) Rudy. When he arrived at the proper age he assisted on the farm during crop seasons and in winter he attended the district schools until he was about eighteen years of age, then he spent one term in the Dalton high school; he was a good student and obtained a fairly serviceable education. After completing his education, Mr. Rudy turned his attention to farming and stock raising, which he has since followed in a most successful manner.

Mr. Rudy was married in 1899 to Lulu King, who was reared near West Lebanon, Wayne county, but she was born near Mount Eaton, this state, May 21, 1877. Her people have long been influential in that vicinity. She received a good common school education. This union has resulted in the birth of three daughters, Maude, born October 3, 1901; Ethel, born June 19, 1903; Mary, born August 10, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy are members of the Presbyterian church at Dalton, of which Mr. Rudy has served as trustee. In politics he is a Republican, and takes considerable interest in the local affairs of his party.

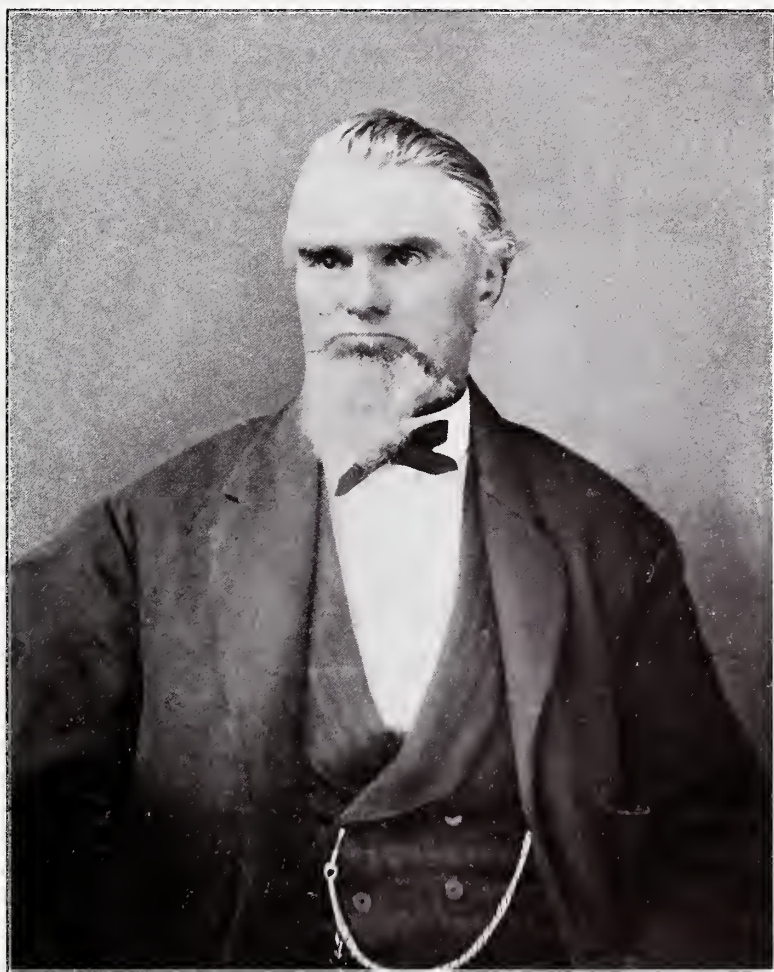
As a farmer Mr. Rudy has been abreast of the times in every respect, owning an excellent farm, well improved and well managed, which yields abundant crops from year to year. He is also interested in stock, especially horses and Jersey cows. He finds a ready market for his stock owing to the fine quality of the same. Mr. Rudy is a young man of fine characteristics and is well liked by the people of his community who have known him since childhood, and can vouch for his big conception of true American manhood.

PHILIP G. TAWNEY.

One of the most successful farmers and best known citizens of Chippewa township, Wayne county, is Philip G. Tawney, who was born August 28, 1856, on the farm where he now resides and which he owns, the son of Abra-



MRS. P. G. TAWNEY



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ham and Margaret (Sickman) Tawney, the former born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1826, and the latter where the Lutheran cemetery is now located, in Baughman township, Wayne county, in 1823. The paternal grandparents of the subject were John and Christina Tawney, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father of John Tawney came with his wife and children to Stark county, Ohio, in 1814. There John Tawney was married in 1818 to Christina Slusser, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1835 John Tawney and family came from their home south of Canton, Ohio, and bought the farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres where Philip G. Tawney now lives, having purchased the same from a man who entered it from the government in 1822. It was still nearly all in timber when John Tawney came into possession of it, and he deadened the trees, later cut and burned them and made a home in the wilderness, building a barn in 1842 which is still standing and in use, the foundation having been made of straw, clay and large stones. The subject's maternal grandparents were Philip and Hannah (Critz) Sickman, the former born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Washington county, that state. They came to Wayne county, Ohio, in an early day, having been preceded many years to this locality by the great-grandfather Sickman, who bought two farms, then returned to Pennsylvania and sent his two sons, Philip (grandfather of the subject) and John, to take possession of them. Philip sold his place in Wayne county and went to Medina county, Ohio, and he died about 1859, his wife dying about 1872 or 1873.

Abraham Tawney, father of Philip G. Tawney, came to Wayne county, this state, with his parents and has since lived on the homestead, retiring some years ago from active business. When he first came here the country was almost a wilderness, and most of the houses were built of logs. When newcomers arrived, especially from Pennsylvania, the neighbors would assist in building their houses, which was the prevailing custom. There was plenty of game. The early settlers hauled grain to Canal Fulton before the canal was built, up to about 1828. In his younger days Abraham Tawney was a carpenter and he helped to erect several of the larger barns in his neighborhood. He cut grain with a sickle and cradle, and at one time he and Henry Sickman cradled sixty acres of wheat in five and a quarter days. In 1846 Mr. Tawney worked in a warehouse at Canal Fulton, sleeping on the counters in the store, and he used to handle wheat in two and three bushel sacks, day and night, for fifty cents per day, working from four o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night. He always liked to tell of the trip the family made from their old home in the Keystone state, which was made overland in wagons, requiring

several weeks. The father of Abraham Tawney made one trip to Baltimore, Maryland, and returned on foot, walking from four o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock at night each day. Abraham Tawney was a Whig and later became a Republican, taking an active interest in local political matters, but he never sought office. His father voted for General Jackson first, but was later a Whig. Several generations back the Tawney family were members of the Reformed church; the father and grandfather of the subject, however, were members of the Methodist church, and many campmeetings have been held by the Methodists on the farm of the elder Tawneys. On the Sickman side of the house the family were members of the Lutheran church.

John J. Sickman, son of Philip and Hannah Sickman, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, June 18, 1821, and died at his home in Marshall county, Indiana, December 13, 1894, in his seventy-fourth year. His wife departed this life on September 1, 1894. He was married to Elizabeth Kinney, August 28, 1844, and to this union five children were born, three boys and two girls, all of whom are living except the oldest daughter, who died in infancy. He moved from Wayne county, Ohio, to Pulaski county, Indiana, in the fall of 1848, living there for over nineteen years, after which he moved to Marshall county, Indiana, where he lived in Tippecanoe township until his death. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Eighty-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until honorably discharged from the service. While in the army he contracted a disease from which he never recovered. In early life he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and he remained a consistent Christian. He was a member of James Shields Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He is buried at Pleasant Hill cemetery. He was a good man and had no enemies that he knew of.

Mrs. Hanna Sickman died in River Styx, Wayne county, May 28, 1874, in her seventy-second year. She was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and emigrated to Ohio when thirteen years of age. In her fourteenth year she was married to Philip Sickman, by whom she had fourteen children, nine of whom survived her. When these parents married they commenced life in the wilderness in what is now Baughman township, this county. They had when they commenced, their "clearing," one horse, a saddle, an ax and a gun. They lived upon the farm they cleared up until 1850, when they sold it and bought and moved upon what is known as the "Canada Smith" farm, in Montville. Mr. Sickman was a sterling character and for many years he had but one shirt, and often when out at work and a rain came on he would pull it off, place it under a log to keep it dry; this man finally got to be worth thirty thousand dollars. Mrs. Sickman was a woman of more than ordinary

ability—order and promptness were the leading traits of her character. She was a member of the Lutheran church nearly all her life. She was charitable and kind to the poor. She was patriotic and sent five of her sons into the Union army, two of whom, Jonas and Barnhart, died while in the service. She was a truly good woman and her end was that of the tried and true Christian.

Philip G. Tawney, the immediate subject of this sketch, was educated in No. 7 school, Chippewa township. He began farming early in life and has always lived on the old place, which he has worked. He formerly did a great deal of sheep shearing, but now follows farming only. In May, 1901, he bought the home place, his mother having died in 1900. She and Mr. Tawney had lived together fifty-two years, and the parents of Philip G. Tawney and three other couples whose farms all practically joined all celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries within eight years. Now only Abraham Tawney and two of the widows of the neighbors of the four couples are living. The father is now eighty-five years old.

Philip G. Tawney was married in March, 1901, to Irena Kauffman, daughter of Adam Kauffman, whose father came to this county from Pennsylvania and located in Franklin township, near what is now the Agricultural Experiment Station, their advent in this county having been in 1829. His wife was Serenda Carpenter, whose people were natives of Virginia. The Kauffman people were from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Philip G. Kauffman was living in Wood county, Ohio, when she was married. This union has resulted in the birth of one child, Inez Jane.

Mr. Tawney is a member of the Lutheran church and a Republican in politics. He delights to recall incidents of former days and talks interestingly of his forefathers. He remembers when the first mower and binder was brought to the Tawney farm. His paternal grandfather pounded out the bullets he used in hunting. In his day all kinds of game was abundant here and the old pioneer shot many deer roundabout, and the father of the subject at one time killed nine squirrels in one tree. Both the Tawney and Sickman families have always borne excellent reputations and had hosts of friends throughout this locality.

ALBERT M. RUDY.

In all the relations of life Albert Rudy, a well-known farmer of Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, has commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been brought into contact. His capable manage-

ment of his own business interests and his sound judgment have brought to him prosperity, for he is a hard worker and has always had the interests of his community at heart. He is the representative of an excellent old family, members of which have figured prominently in the affairs of this and Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, for at least four generations. The birth of Albert M. Rudy occurred in Sugar Creek township, this county, November 18, 1860. He is the son of Daniel L. Rudy, who came to Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, in 1832, from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, with his father, Christian Rudy, a hardy pioneer, who obtained land here in the wilderness and became a prosperous farmer. Daniel L. Rudy also became a well-to-do farmer.

Albert M. Rudy was the third member of his father's family, and when he became of proper age he worked on the home farm, attending the district schools during the winter months until he had received a fairly good education. He later attended the graded schools at Dalton for four years. From the age of twenty-one to twenty-six years he worked for his father and thus became well grounded in the basic principles of agriculture, which he has made very successful ever since.

Mr. Rudy was married December 14, 1886, to Margaret Saurer, the daughter of Abraham Saurer, a well-known and highly respected citizen of East Union township, where Mrs. Rudy was reared and where she attended school. Her birth occurred in 1863. This union has resulted in the birth of four sons, namely: Raymond, May 10, 1888; Troy, December 10, 1890; Allen, 1891, and Warren, January 1, 1894. They have all received good educations in the common schools.

Mr. Rudy is the owner of a very valuable farm of eighty acres, on which is located the Dalton coal mine, No. 14. General farming is carried on very successfully, and a large part of Mr. Rudy's annual income is derived from the sale of his heavy draft horses, which he buys and feeds, always finding a ready market for them owing to their excellent quality. He is regarded as an excellent judge of livestock, especially horses.

Politically, he is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Dalton, being highly esteemed members of the local congregation.

DANIEL A. SOMMER.

The motto, "Merit always commands its reward," is strikingly exemplified in the modest career of D. A. Sommers, a business man of much influence locally in Wayne county. He early learned that knowledge, backed

by well-directed energy, is the key with which the poor boy could open the door of success and cull its choicest fruits, and although he began life in a rather humble way, he is now very comfortably situated and enjoys a liberal patronage as a merchant and business man in the town of Kidron, Sugar Creek township, in which locality he was born on January 16, 1861, the son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Lehman) Sommer. The former was the son of Isaac Sommer, who was born in Switzerland, and who came to the United States in an early day and devoted the rest of his life to farming here.

D. A. Sommer was the next to the youngest of his father's family, and he was reared on the home farm in section 16, Sugar Creek township, which he assisted in developing, having begun work on the same very early, but he found time to attend the district schools during the winter months and became fairly well educated.

When he reached maturity Mr. Sommers married Mary Saltzman, who was born and reared in Sugar Creek township, whose father was long an influential citizen in his community. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Alvin B., born January 2, 1888; Carrie, born June 24, 1891; Willis, born October 28, 1893.

Mr. Sommer started in life as a farmer and continued in that line of endeavor until 1902, making a success of its diversified phases, but he long entertained a desire to enter the mercantile life, and, when an opportunity presented itself in 1902, he took advantage of the same and purchased a stock of goods at Kidron, Sugar Creek township, having since given his almost exclusive attention to the same. He has built up an extensive trade with the surrounding community and he always keeps a carefully selected stock of goods which he displays neatly in his well-kept place of business, and the fact that his trade has constantly increased is a criterion that he is giving his customers the worth of their money and at the same time accords them courteous treatment. He very creditably served as acting postmaster of Kidron for a period of three years. He owns four acres of land, on a part of which his store building stands. This furnishes opportunity for a good garden, orchard, etc. Mr. Sommer is president of the Kidron Telephone Company, which is incorporated and which is well patronized throughout this vicinity, much of its success being due to his efficient management; but it is in the proper handling of his large stock of general merchandise that his excellent business qualities are brought out.

Politically, Mr. Sommer is a Democrat, active in the affairs of his party, and he very capably served as trustee of Sugar Creek township for two terms.

WILLIAM A. BARDEN.

The enterprise of William A. Barden has been crowned by success, as the result of rightly applied principles which never fail in their ultimate effect when coupled with integrity, uprightness and a congenial disposition, as they have been done in the present instance, judging from the high standing of Mr. Barden among his fellow citizens whose undivided esteem he has justly won and retained, being one of the leading agriculturists of Plain township, Wayne county; also one of the leading school teachers of the same.

William A. Barden was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1865. He is the son of William Barden, whose sketch appears in full on another page of this work. Young Barden attended the common schools, receiving a good primary education in district school No. 5, Plain township, into which community he moved when a small boy with his parents, who located on a farm there. He also attended the Shreve high school for one year, also the West Salem high school, and he took one term at the Ada Normal School, also taking a business course in one of the leading business colleges of Oberlin, Ohio, thus receiving an excellent text-book training, for he applied himself very carefully, being ambitious to get a good education in order that he might become a teacher. While attending school he worked on the home farm during the summer months.

Mr. Barden began teaching in 1886 and he has taught every year since that time with the exception of three years, having done all of his teaching in the three districts, Nos. 5, 9 and 10 of Plain township, his services having been in great demand, for Mr. Barden has the happy faculty of pleasing both pupil and patron. He is well grounded in the fundamental principles of pedagogy, and he is a master in the art of elucidation. He always kept well abreast of the times, being a wide reader of general scientific and literary subjects; he also keeps well informed on agricultural and horticultural subjects and his farm is a model owing to his knowledge of such subjects and their practical application, which he carries out, having followed farming for several years, now owning a highly improved and very productive place consisting of one hundred and ninety-five acres in Plain township, just west of Blachleville. He carries on general farming in a way that stamps him as a gentleman of sound judgment and industry, and about his place may be found some excellent varieties of livestock and poultry, in which he takes considerable interest. He has a cozy and substantial home and a good barn and outbuildings.

In 1898 Mr. Barden was united in marriage with Nora Swart, daughter of Casper L. Swart, of Plain township. She is a sister of A. C. Swart, mentioned in detail in this work. She was reared and educated in this county and she has proven to be a worthy helpmeet in every respect to her enterprising husband.

Mr. Barden is a member of the Evangelical church and a liberal supporter of the same, and fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is loyal to the principles of the Republican party; however, he does not find time for office seeking, being content to devote his attention to his many individual affairs, but always doing what he can toward the general good of the community.

ALONZO D. HORN.

The Horn family have been identified with the development of Wayne county, Ohio, from the early days, especially the western portion, and each member has been careful to prudently guard the honorable traditions of their worthy ancestors. They are known as a hard working, peaceable and neighborly people, always taking an interest in whatever looks to the welfare of their community. The immediate subject of this biography, Alonzo D. Horn, was born in Reedsburg, Plain township, this county, in 1855, the son of David and Lydia (Ewing) Horn. His paternal grandparents were John and Katy Horn, who came from near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and settled near Jeromeville, Ashland county, Ohio, in an early day, having made the trip overland in covered wagons. They later moved to Spencerville, Indiana, where John Horn died, after an active life as a farmer.

David Horn, father of the subject, was a wagonmaker by trade, having followed this successfully in both Jeromeville and Reedsburg for a period of forty years, the products of his labors having been eagerly sought for, owing to his great skill in that line. His death occurred in Reedsburg. Although he lived a quiet life, he was an active member of the Lutheran church and in politics he was a Democrat. The maternal grandparents of Alonzo D. Horn were William and Katy Ewing, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in an early day, settling in Ashland county, south of Jeromeville, where they remained the rest of their lives. In his early life Mr. Ewing was a teamster, but later a farmer, having cleared a tract of land south of Jeromeville.

Alonzo D. Horn was educated in the schools of Reedsburg and he very early began farming, which he has always continued, having been successful not only in general farming but also in stock raising, especially horses, of which he is an excellent judge and which he keeps a large number of, always finding a ready market for them, owing to their high-grade qualities. He is now the owner of a fine and highly-improved farm of one hundred and seventy-six acres in the edge of Reedsburg. He has a splendid home and out-buildings sufficient for his every requirement, his place showing that a man of excellent taste has its management in hand.

Mr. Horn was married in 1877 to Emma Della Baker, a native of Plain township, the daughter of an old and highly honored family. To Mr. and Mrs. Horn the following children have been born: Elva, Esta, Miner, and Mila, who died November 26, 1908. Mrs. Horn died October 3, 1909, and was buried in the beautiful cemetery at Reeds. She was a lady of beautiful character, highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was a member of the Disciple church. Mr. Horn is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to offices of public trust, preferring to devote his attention exclusively to his individual affairs.

JACOB FRICK.

In the constant and laborious struggle for an honorable competence and a creditable name on the part of business or professional men, there is little to attract the reader in search of a sensational chapter, but to a mind thoroughly awake to the true meaning of life and its responsibilities there are noble and imperishable lessons in the career of an individual who, early thrown upon his own resources and without other means than a sound mind, fertile perceptive faculty and a true heart, conquers adversity and not only wins a prominent position in the industrial world, but what is equally as great, the deserved esteem and confidence of his fellow men. Such a man was Jacob Frick, for many decades a prominent business man of Wayne county, who has been called to close his earthly accounts and take up his abode in the "windowless palaces of rest." His name was long so intimately associated with the material and civic interests of the community where he resided, as to reflect great credit upon the locality, and at the same time gain him the undivided respect of all who knew him because of his well directed life.



Jacob Frick

Mr. Frick was born four miles east of West Union, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1834. His parents were of German ancestry, and his father followed the trade of blacksmith throughout his life. Jacob, who was among the younger members of the family, was cast upon his own resources at the age of eighteen, his father being in somewhat humble circumstances. He received but a limited education and knew no trade, consequently hard work was allotted to him; he first hired out to do farm work for two years at very meager wages, and in order to get a start he economized and saved his money. He moved with his father and the rest of the family to Hancock county, Ohio, in 1855, and in that year the father died, and young Frick again took up hard work, first driving a team about the village of Van Buren, in the above named county, receiving the sum of six dollars per month in wages, and he followed this for twelve months. Having an ambition to enter the mercantile field, he sought and found employment in a produce and dry goods establishment, as a clerk and general subaltern, being detailed principally as egg-packer, lard-receiver, etc. He continued at this about one year, during which time the proprietor died. Then Mr. Frick, although with small capital and limited experience, resolved to start in business for himself. Accordingly he opened a provision store of his own, and met with encouraging success from the first. About a year later his brother joined him in the store, and they enlarged their sphere of business, embracing within its circle a dry goods department, and did an excellent business for about three years.

Mr. Frick, seeking a broader field for his business enterprise, came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1859, and located at Smithville, and at once embarked in the mercantile business, soon enjoying a large share of the dry goods trade of that section of the county. After following this for one year, he gave up merchandising and began buying and selling grain, for which he seemed to have a special ability and aptitude, his first labors in this line being at the "Summit," northeast of Wooster, but, desiring a point where conveniences would be more ample and facilities more inviting, he established himself in Wooster in the spring of 1865, where he continued in the grain and milling business for thirty years. In 1881 he purchased a controlling interest in the Wayne County National Bank and became its president, which office he filled with signal success until the time of his death.

Mr. Frick was a man who everybody trusted implicitly, for his life was exemplary in every respect. His death, which occurred on November 17, 1901, was a distinct loss to the community in which he had labored so long and successfully, and his memory will long be cherished by all who knew him.

JOHN A. KISTER.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this biography did not feel the call of the unseen wanderlust in his youth like so many boys, who become impatient to leave their parental roof-tree and seek uncertain fortunes in distant lands, but he was content to remain in his native vicinity, which he has seen develop in a wonderful manner during the past half century. The birth of John A. Kister occurred on October 7, 1850, in Millbrook, Wayne county. He is the son of George C. and Mary Ann (Smith) Kister, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia, each representing fine old families. The paternal grandparents lived and died in the old Keystone state, while the maternal grandparents, John Smith and wife, came to Millbrook, Ohio, where Mr. Smith followed his trade of carpenter and reared a family of boys, all of whom, to some extent, followed the same trade. Here John Smith lived until his death. His son, R. H. Smith, was a soldier in the Civil war. A brother, R. H. Smith, lived in Virginia during the war and was a strong Union man. George C. Kister, father of John A., was educated in Pennsylvania. In 1833 he came to Wayne county, Ohio, on foot, and settled in Millbrook, where he first followed working on a farm, later becoming a distiller. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and led a quiet life. His family consisted of three daughters and one son.

John A. Kister was educated in the Millbrook schools and at Smithville and Shreve academies. He applied himself very carefully to his studies and received a good education. After leaving school he devoted himself to the trade of millwright. In 1880 he began the manufacture of some specialties in mill machinery and he has built up an extensive local business. He is associated with two of his sons and they operate a chop mill and cider press, having the reputation as the best makers of corn meal in Wayne county, and they enjoy a liberal patronage throughout this vicinity.

Something of the natural inventive talent of the subject is learned from the fact that he has invented several excellent machines for milling. In the early eighties he patented a "middlings purifier," which has been extensively used by mill men, and to some extent he has continued the manufacture of his inventions. He has prospered in a financial way owing to his close attention to his business and he is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and seventy acres, one-half mile west of Millbrook. He has managed this in a very skillful manner, rotating his crops and employing all the up-to-date methods of farming, until he has one of the choice farms of the township. He has a modern dwelling and substantial outbuildings.

Mr. Kister was married on January 15, 1879, to Emily Samis, who was born in Canada, the daughter of James Samis, a Baptist minister and a prominent man in his community. To Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kister the following children have been born: Melvis S., who was a member of Company H, Eighth Regiment Ohio Infantry, who took part in the Cuba campaign during the Spanish-American war. Later he went to the Philippine islands and was a recruit in the Twelfth United States Infantry. He made an excellent soldier and on a return trip home, en route from Manila to San Francisco, he died on the Pacific ocean of a chronic disease contracted in the tropics, and he was brought to Millbrook, Ohio, where he was buried. The other children are, Guy S. is living at home and is in business with his father; James L. has also remained with his father; Mabel M. is living at home. The father and the two sons work together in the shop and in the millwright business. They have been very successful in all their undertakings. Mrs. J. Kister died September 10, 1898, and was buried in Millbrook cemetery. She was a member of the Baptist church. Fraternally, Mr. Kister is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the chapter and the council. He is a Republican in politics. He has always taken more or less interest in the affairs of his county, and he is now a member of the board of education, having accepted the place three different times.

WILLIAM BARDEN.

Of all the foreign nations that have sent their citizens to America there is no question but that England has had more to do with our development than any other, and wherever her sons have dispersed in our constellation of states they have been among the most welcomed newcomers, for they are enterprising, cool, calculating, persistent and, as a rule, people of the best personal traits. One of this vast number deserving specific mention in this history was the late William Barden, long a highly respected citizen of Plain township. He was born in England in 1840, and he is the son of William and Ann (Ralph) Barden, both born in England. They came to America in 1852, coming westward to Ohio and settling at Massillon, where they continued to reside, at which place the father worked at various occupations. They brought eight children with them to this country. The latter part of the life of the father of the subject was spent on a farm near Massillon and he ended his days there, becoming fairly well fixed in reference to this world's affairs. One of his sons, Samuel, served a short time in the Federal army during the Civil war.

William Barden, Jr., was educated chiefly in the common schools of England. However, being only a boy when he arrived in America, he attended school here for a time and devoted his life to farming. It was in 1869 that he came to Wayne county, Ohio, and purchased a forty-acre farm in Plain township, and he continued to carry on his farming operations until his death, which occurred in January, 1908. Politically he was a Republican and he took some interest in local political affairs, and he served as trustee of Plain township for several years.

Mr. Barden was married on November 11, 1864, to Katherine Brumbaugh, daughter of Samuel and Susan (Egla) Brumbaugh, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former having come to Ohio, locating near Canton with his parents, John and Mary Brumbaugh. Susan Egla was reared near Massillon, Ohio, near which city they married and continued to reside. To Mr. and Mrs. William Barden, Jr., the following children were born: Cora, who died when two years of age; William A., whose life record is given on another page of this work; Edwin A., Minnie, Nettie, Curtis and Nellie. Religiously, this family belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church.

William Barden, Jr., was a man in whom the utmost confidence was reposed by his neighbors, for his life was above reproach. He was scrupulously honest, always generous and kind, public spirited and deeply interested in the education and welfare of his children. He was possessed of the warmest sympathies and charities, a simple man in his tastes, without a particle of ostentation, simplicity emphasizing every phase of his life.

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DAVID BEAL.

The gentleman to a brief review of whose life and characteristics the reader's attention is herewith directed is among the foremost carpenters and builders in Wayne county and he has by his skill, enterprise and progressive methods contributed in a material way to the advancement of the county throughout which stand as enduring monuments to his ability as a workman many houses, barns and business blocks.

David Beal is a descendant of honored ancestors of the Prairie state, he having been born in Pike county, Illinois, October 28, 1851, the son of William and Rebecca (Sterner) Beal, the former a native of New York and the latter born in Pennsylvania December 16, 1825. David Beal's paternal grandparents were natives of the state of New York. His father was a cooper by trade, and when a young man he left his native state and came to Ohio, and it was



MR. AND MRS. DAVID BEAL.

while living in Summit county that he met and married Rebecca Sterner. He there followed his trade for many years. About 1850 he moved to Illinois and for nine years made his home in that state, then returned to Ohio and in a short time located in Wayne county. He moved to Michigan and died there a short time afterwards. He was prominent in the official life of the Dunkard church, but he lived a quiet, retired life. He was a good and useful man and highly skilled at his trade. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living at this writing. The mother of these children, a woman of gracious personality, is still living at the age of eighty-four years.

David Beal was educated in the common schools of Summit county and there learned the carpenter's trade, having a natural inclination for this line of work, consequently he has become a very high grade workman and his services have always been in great demand. During the forty years that he has followed his trade he has turned off a very large number of big jobs, and his work is always satisfactory owing to his knowledge of all forms of architecture and his desire to please. In 1878 he moved to Doylestown, where he built a modern and beautiful home on Howard street and lived there for many years, still making his home in Doylestown. He has a lucrative business around this town, and his work is at present confined chiefly to contracting.

Mr. Beal was married, October 9, 1873, to Elizabeth Cassel, daughter of Charles and Mary Cassel, old settlers of Doylestown, and this union has resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Mary Rebecca, who was educated at Berea College, is now the wife of Fred W. Deutsch; Florence Odell was also well educated and both she and her sister became school teachers; Willis Roy has followed the traditions of his father and grandfather and become an architect, now assisting his father.

Mr. Beal is a Democrat politically and he has been a very faithful member of the council of Doylestown for the past two years, and he has been a member of the school board for the past three or four years. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and he formerly belonged to the American Mechanics Association. No man in this part of Wayne county is better known than Mr. Beal and none more highly respected.

GEORGE RICKABAUGH.

The problem of ridding the soil of its heavy growth of timber and underbrush has been a leading one with the settlers of this and other sections of the country for the past century and more. The earliest settlers wantonly wasted the woods, believing that the timber was of little value and that the

virgin soil was all that was worth their attention, but the value of lumber afterwards caused the settler to conserve the larger growth of timber until now a scarcity is experienced. The saw-mill man has always been a leading factor in a new country and those who have followed this line of endeavor have, as a rule, become prominent in their communities and fairly well fixed financially. The same may be said in reference to those who have operated the threshing machines. One of this number is George Rickabaugh, who was born in Plain township, Wayne county, July 6, 1861, the son of John and Mandy (Willour) Rickabaugh, the former mentioned at length in the sketch of F. L. Rickabaugh in this work, and the mother is a sister of Thomas Willour, whose sketch is also found herein.

George Rickabaugh was educated in the district schools of Plain township, and he began assisting his father with the work on the farm when a small boy, continuing thus until he was seventeen years of age. He had always been interested in threshing and when an outfit visited his community he, as a lad, would usually accompany it until it went to some other neighborhood, vowing that he would some day operate one of his own. This desire was gratified at an early age, when in 1878 he began threshing and has continued this line of work ever since during the summer seasons, operating a sawmill the remaining months of the year. He has been very successful and has become known throughout this locality as one of the leading threshers and mill men of the county.

Mr. Rickabaugh was married in 1900 to Clara Long, the daughter of an old and highly respected family of this county, and this union has resulted in the birth of three children, Carl, Irene and Clark. Mrs. Rickabaugh's father, who is now retired, still lives in Milton township.

Mrs. Rickabaugh is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Rickabaugh votes the Democratic ticket, but he does not find time to take a very active part in political affairs.

PROF. H. F. LONGENECKER.

In the daily laborious struggle for an honorable competence and a solid career on the part of a business or a professional man there is little to attract the casual reader in search of a sensational chapter; but to a mind thoroughly awake to the reality and meaning of human existence there are noble and imperishable lessons in the career of an individual who, without other means

than a clear head, strong arm and true heart, directed and controlled by correct principles and unerring judgment, conquers adversity and, toiling on, finally wins not only pecuniary independence but, what is far greater and higher, the deserved respect and confidence of those with whom his active years have brought him into contact. Such a one is found in the person of Prof. H. F. Longenecker, whose career as an educator in the county of Wayne has won him the praise that is due those who succeed. He was born in Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, January 7, 1869, the son of Samuel B. and Elizabeth (Brenner) Longenecker, people of intelligence and influence in this locality. Professor Longenecker is the oldest of the family of six living children. He was reared on the home farm in Greene township, where he very early became inured to the toils of a farmer boy, alternating farming with schooling in the district schools until he was seventeen years of age. Having a natural thirst for knowledge, he studied in such a manner as to lay a broad and deep foundation for a subsequent structure of general learning. He attended the Smithville Academy for a time, then entered the Normal University at Ada, Ohio, where he made a splendid record for scholarship and from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy in 1895, and taking additional work, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science from that institution in 1900. Professor Longenecker, after completing his education in the institution named above and teaching during the winter months, thereby making his own way through school, and demonstrating what courage and rightly applied ambition can accomplish, did post-graduate work at the Wooster University Summer School and taught at Rittman for two years and at Smithville for seven years. At present he is superintendent of the Dalton schools, where his services have won the good will of both patron and pupil, having greatly strengthened the educational system of the local schools since coming here, and shown by his thorough training, his profound learning and his pleasing characteristics of manner that he is deserving of a place second to none as an educator in this locality.

Professor Longenecker is the owner of a valuable farm of seventy-four acres one mile west of Smithville, this county, and although his professional duties claim most of his attention he finds time to look after his farm, no small part of his income being derived from the able management of the same.

An interesting chapter in the life of Professor Longenecker is that bearing on his domestic life, which began on September 1, 1909, when he espoused a lady of talent and refinement in the person of Ada Hershey, the daughter of George Hershey, a well known citizen living near Rittman, Chippewa town-

ship, this county. Mrs. Longenecker was born in Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio, on January 4, 1875. She received a good education in the home schools.

The Professor is regarded as one of the substantial workers in the Republican ranks of his county, and he was the nominee of this party for county treasurer, and a criterion of his excellent standing among his fellow citizens is contained in the fact that at the subsequent election, although not elected on account of the large Democratic majority to overcome, he ran far ahead of the county ticket. Personally he is a man of pleasing address, gentlemanly in his bearing, courteous at all times and his integrity and honesty are above question. He at once impresses the stranger as a man of learning, well-bred, progressive and trustworthy, and no man in the county is more favorably known than he.

BENTON GIVLER HAY.

It is one of the beauties of our government that it acknowledges no hereditary rank or title, no patent of nobility save that of nature's, leaving every man to establish his own rank by becoming the artificer of his own fortune. Places of honor and trust, rank and preferment that happily are placed before every individual, high or low, rich or poor, to be striven for by all, but earned alone by perseverance and sterling worth, are almost sure to be filled with deserving men, or at least by those possessing the energy and talent essential to success in contests where public position is the prize. Benton Givler Hay, a member of the Wayne county bar, who is generally recognized as one of the ablest of the younger generation of attorneys in this locality, affords a conspicuous example of the successful self-made American who is not only eminently deserving of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens, but also possesses the necessary talent and energy that fit him to discharge worthily the duties of the several responsible positions to which he has been honored by the people of his county. A man of vigorous mentality and strong moral fiber, he has achieved signal success in a calling in which few rise above mediocrity, and since entering the service of the public he finds those same qualities the chief factors in carving out of a career that has been above the suspicion of reproach and an honor to the county which he has so ably and acceptably served and whose interests he has ever had at heart.

Mr. Hay is the scion of an ancestry of which he may well be proud, not because their lives were marked by any meteoric effects or that they were in



Benton G. Hay.

anywise leaders of men, but because they were of the type that build empires, hardy, thrifty, self-sacrificing, industrious, unswervingly honest and public spirited, and to such a type as they the great Buckeye commonwealth owes its eminent position in the brilliant constellation of our national union. Benton G. Hay was born February 18, 1874, near Loudonville, Ashland county, Ohio, the tenth child of Isaac and Sarah (Givler) Hay, the father a hard-working farmer who established a good home for his family and reared them in comfort and respectability. His death occurred on January 23, 1891, the mother surviving until September, 1907. They were highly respected in their community for their steady Christian lives, their neighborly and generous traits and their industry.

Benton G. Hay was educated in the country schools, working on the home farm during the summer months. He was ambitious to become familiar with the classics and to launch into a professional career, consequently he applied himself very assiduously to his studies and was soon enabled to teach, following very successfully this line of endeavor in Ashland county from 1893 to 1895. But not finding his labors in the school room entirely to his liking, he turned his attention to the law, and studied with C. E. McBride at Mansfield, Ohio, making rapid progress in Blackstone. After this preliminary preparation he entered the law department of the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, where he made a very commendable record and from which he was graduated in 1898, and in March of that year he was admitted to the bar. He commenced practice in Wooster in October, 1898, and was associated for a time with John C. Morr, and he has succeeded in building up a very satisfactory practice, having a clientele from the start that has been loyal and has constantly increased. Since March 1, 1908, he has been associated with Lyman R. Critchfield, Jr., this firm being an unusually strong and successful one and is rapidly gaining a prestige second to none in northern Ohio.

Mr. Hay has always taken an abiding interest in political affairs and he has been singled out for positions of trust and responsibility, worthily discharging his duties in every capacity requiring clear analysis and sound judgment. He was clerk of the board of deputy state supervisors of elections from August, 1903, to August, 1904. On the death of Hervey H. Hubbell, city solicitor, Mayor Van Nest appointed Mr. Hay to fill the vacancy, September 1, 1904, and so well did he perform his duties that he was elected to this office in November, 1905, and again in November, 1907, serving in all five years and four months, greatly to his credit and to the welfare of the people, among the most praiseworthy acts of that period being the fact that he codified the city ordinances and laws. For the past two years he has been

secretary of the Democratic county executive committee, the party being greatly indebted to him for his able management of its affairs. He is popular with all classes throughout the county and the future doubtless holds many honors for him.

Sufficient has been said to indicate Mr. Hay's high character and eminent success in the profession to which he is devoting his life and energies. He has broad views of the law, is painstaking, accurate, indefatigable in his efforts to protect the interests of his clients, and his tact in the trial of cases is second to none.

THE AMSTUTZ FAMILY.

This family belongs to the early settlers, the first members having emigrated from Switzerland to Greene township in 1824. There were three sons and two daughters; the mother accompanied them, passing away on the sea. Her maiden name was Basinger, but what her christian name was is uncertain. Some time after arriving in this county the father, John Amstutz, was married again to a Miss Katy Hilty. There were no children from this union. The second wife was a sister of Peter and David Hilty, who also were early residents of Milton township.

Originally the family came into the possession of a distinctive name near Thun, Switzerland. The place of origin is believed to be at the foot of the Niesen, a two thousand three hundred and thirty-six meter-high mountain—seven thousand seven hundred and fifty feet above sea level, and about the same distance, eight and a half miles, from Interlaken and Thun, lying at the corner of a right angle, the two sides of which pass through these places. Lake Thun almost forms the diagonal of the triangle. This location is marked on the Swiss "Topograpischer Atlas, Thun-Interlaken" section, of 1896. It is indicated on this geodetic survey map as Am Stutz. This was the way in which the name was spelled until the latter part of the seventeenth century (1675) or thereabouts, when the two syllables were united and the present-day spelling adopted. The name, in common with many Swiss and German ones, is a place name. In this case the old Swiss tongue designated a hill or mountain as a "stutz." The "am" literally means "at," from which the compound word was undoubtedly formed.

The place Am Stutz at present refers to but a single, or at most but a few chalets, found at the southern end of the Emdthal, about two and a half miles from the lake Thun. The place is five hundred and five feet above the

level of the lake and the Niesen towers above it five thousand four hundred and ten feet. The highest point of this mountain is just two miles away from the place, almost due west, trending slightly toward the north. All this indicates the significance of the name.

It is not definitely known if this branch of the family lived near this spot. Many persons of this name still live in the vicinity of lake Thun, especially at Sigriswyl, across the lake (where some of the family records ascribe the birth of the older members). Tradition says that John Amstutz, the stem of the family, was born at Lugnez, district of Porruntruy (Pruntrut), almost in the extreme northwest portion of Switzerland. It is said that he lived for a time at Hindlinger, near Pruntrut, also at Sigriswyl. His death or birth are not known by date, but his place of burial is found in Greene township, Wayne county, two miles south of the north line and one and a quarter miles from the east line.

His oldest son, Peter, was born on February 13, 1799 (died May 14, 1881). Ulrich, the second son and the third child, was born April 26, 1801 (died March 19, 1881). He lived the principal part of his life three miles straight north from the first location of the father in Greene township on the southwest quarter of the extreme northeast section of the township, number one. The youngest child, a daughter, Anna, was born February 15, 1817. The oldest daughter, Catharine, was born between the birthdays of the brothers Peter and Ulrich, and the youngest son, John, was born October 14, 1803 (died August 27, 1877).

The family came to America in 1824 by way of Havre, France, traveling overland from Switzerland by means of ox teams which were sold at their land journey's end. The ocean voyage, on a small sailing vessel, was anything but the comfort and the speed of a modern trip across the Atlantic. Storms and numerous delays lengthened the voyage until two months were consumed in reaching either New York or Philadelphia. It is uncertain at which port the party landed; some traditions contend for one place and some for the other. It is said that they for a time secured employment on the Ohio & Pennsylvania canal and that they came overland by ox team. It is related that at one time their food supply ran low and the women and children of the party were left alone with the wagons while the men went hunting game. The chase led them into unknown directions and to their own consternation and terror of the women and children they were absolutely lost for a period of two days. This was not a comforting condition of things, both parties knowing that there were Indians and plenty of wild animals roaming the forests. Fortunately they found their dependents and then they gradually

pushed their way westward, finally reaching Greene township. They seem to have temporarily put up with other pioneers. Ere long a Pennsylvanian came to section 1, Greene township, to claim the southwest quarter of this section, that he had purchased from land agents in the east. The dreary outlook so disheartened him that his goods were not even removed from the wagons. While in this frame of mind he readily sold his holdings to John Amstutz, who erected a cabin on the northwest quarter of this one hundred and sixty-acre plot.

The only highways open in 1828 were the Portage and Bristol roads, the latter extending from the intersection of Milton, Greene, Baughman and Chippewa townships to Bristol, as Marshallville was then called. Other directions of travel were simply paths blazed through the forests, winding here and there in circuitous meanderings. The settlers called them in the Swiss vernacular, "Schlupfweg." It is understood that the father lived on this section—the northeast of Greene township—and during his last years on the east half of his farm. Ulrich, his second son, built a house near the first cabin, which, after his removal to the old homestead of the Ulrich branch of the family, at present occupied by Daniel Amstutz, located just three miles due north, in Milton township, was sold to John Pettit after Mr. Pettit's marriage in 1833. The nearest neighbors to the south were the Schwartzen-truber family, who lived on the northeast quarter of the section immediately south of section 1. It bordered on what is now called the town-line road leading to Orrville (the Christ King farm). At the time of John Amstutz's funeral Christ Schwartzen-truber acted as undertaker, hauling the body to the place of interment, one mile due south from the first home and one-fourth mile west on the Christ Steiner farm, latterly owned by Emuel Beck.

Parentheses enclose the names of persons united by marriage with those immediately preceding.

The oldest son, Peter, after his marriage, moved to the vicinity of Canal Fulton and in 1852 took up his residence in Allen county, Ohio, where he died. He was married twice, his first wife being Mrs. Anna Stutz (nee Steiner). A son and daughter, Peter and Catharine, both of whom are no longer living, blessed this union. The daughter was married to George Bigler. They are long time residents of Wayne county, living near Fox Lake, and Marshallville. The oldest son of the Bigler family is John Bigler of Burton City, who married Eliza Rogers. The second marriage was with Barbara Luginbil. From this union there sprang four children, two brothers and two sisters, John, Joseph, Barbra and Anna (the latter deceased), in the order of their ages. There are only two families in existence of this branch,

those of Rudolph J. Althaus (Barbra) and Joseph Amstutz (Mary Zuber), both now living in Allen county, John not having married. The oldest living descendants of each are Peter Amstutz (Rosa Wright) and Andrew Althaus, of Beaver Dam and Bluffton, Ohio, respectively.

The second daughter, Catharine, became the second wife of Rev. Christian Steiner, resident until his death on the farm at Milton Center. Six children were the offspring of this marriage, three daughters and three sons, of which only one son and one daughter, Peter and Barbra, are now living. The others were named Catharine, Christ, John and Anna, the three last named deceased. The families of Christ and John resided at Milton Center and Anna, married to David Amstutz, resided until her death at Crystal Valley, Oceana county, Michigan. Barbra was the wife of Fredrick Amstutz, also of Milton Center. The oldest grandchildren are, according to their ages, relisting the children as well: Peter—not married. Christ (Barbra Amstutz)—Mary J., Rittman, Ohio. Barbra (Frederick Amstutz (d)—Christ (deceased), Rittman, Ohio. John (deceased) (Maria Kratz)—Reuben (Matilda Moine), Rittman, Ohio. Anna (deceased) (David Amstutz, Crystal Valley, Michigan)—Mary M. (David C. Burkholder), Smithville, Ohio.

The largest branch of the original stock is that of the Ulrich Amstutz family, consisting of thirteen children, seven boys and six girls. Both parents, and two sons and four daughters have died. The children's names, according to their ages, are: Frederick (deceased), John (deceased), Peter, Maria (deceased), Jacob, Catharine (deceased), Fanny, David, Anna (deceased), Lydia, Daniel, Joel B., and Lavina (deceased). All the members of this branch, as named, have lived continuously in Wayne county. Their offspring is, however, scattered throughout many of the states. The wife of Ulrich was Catharine Luginbil, who was born at Kolmar, Alsace, France. This province since the Franco-German war has belonged to Germany. In order to identify the various families to which the grandchildren of Ulrich Amstutz belong, only the names of the oldest members of each family are given, viz: Frederick (Barbra Steiner)—Christ, Rittman, Ohio. John (1st Fanny Steiner, deceased)—Daniel S. (Anna Lehmann) Orrville, Ohio: 2d Elizabeth Burkholder, deceased—Reuben B. (Lena Bauman) Birmingham, Ohio.) Peter (Sarah Burkholder, deceased)—Emma C., deceased (Mrs. Dr. H. Blankerhorn), Orrville, Ohio. Jacob (Lehanna Fisher)—Flora Alice (Mrs. Everett Stone), Creston, Ohio. Catharine (Peter J. Steiner, deceased)—Lydia (Mrs. George Hoover), Rittman, Ohio. Fanny (Abraham Fisher, deceased)—Aaron, Rittman, Ohio. David (Fanny Steiner, deceased)—no children, Rittman, Ohio. Lydia (Daniel Steiner)—Clara B. (Mrs. D. L.

King), Smithville, Ohio. Daniel (Mary Ann Burkholder, deceased)—John H., Rittman, Ohio. Joel B. (Susannah Hoover)—Menno S. (deceased), New York. Lavina (Abraham Burkholder)—Kate (deceased) (Dan Yoder), Orrville, Ohio.

John, the youngest son, married to Mary Luginbil (deceased), lived until his death on the quarter section, in Greene township, adjoining the first homestead of his father on the east. The family consisted of Peter (deceased), Katy, John (deceased), Jacob (deceased), David, Barbra, Jakob (deceased), Joseph, Ulrich (deceased), and Anna (deceased). The oldest of each of the grandchildren is listed as follows, the names of the parents being given in each case: Katy (Levi Bennert)—Mary (Fred Ramsyer), Orrville, Ohio. John (Mary Bartholomew (deceased)—Mary Ann (deceased). David (Anna Steiner, deceased)—Mary M. (David C. Burkholder), Smithville, Ohio. Barbra (Christ Steiner, deceased)—Mary J., Rittman, Ohio. Joseph (Elmira Bressler)—Sarah (Fred Huber), Orrville, Ohio.

Anna, the youngest of the daughters, married C. D. Basinger (deceased), of Pandora, Putnam county, Ohio, where the family have resided ever since and the greater part of the descendants have remained in the near vicinity. To this union there came the following children: Jonathan J. (deceased), Catharine, Stephen E. (deceased), John M. (deceased), Stephen A. (deceased), Anna (deceased), David W., Christian I. (deceased), and Noah W. (deceased). The oldest one of each of the grandchildren is listed as follows: Jonathan J. (Mary Ann Neuenschwander)—Ephraim D. (deceased), (Barbra D. Luginbil), Pandora, Ohio. Catharine (Joseph Steiner)—Amos (first, Anna Kener; second, Alma M. Reiter), Bluffton, Ohio. John M. (Catharine Kiene)—Sarah (Robert Roethlisberger), Columbus Grove, Ohio. Stephen A. (Catharine Neuenschwander)—Christene, Columbus Grove, Ohio. David W. (Fanny Graver)—Peter A. (Leah Schaublin), Columbus Grove, Ohio. Christian I. (first, Emma A. Kelly, deceased—Jerome (Bertha Hardwick); second, Elizabeth Winkler)—Aldine C. (deceased), Columbus Grove, Ohio. Noah W. (Leah Gratz)—Tillman (Celena Stouffer), Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Agriculture has been the principal source of livelihood of these families, throughout the first, second and third generations. In fact, the largest part of the living members of the relationship are yet agriculturalists. The family has proved to be one of the most progressive in the county. There are, besides those who follow the honorable calling of husbandry, some who have chosen the equally desirable professions for their life work. This is especially true in the third generation, from which doctors, business men, scien-

tists, bankers, merchants, mechanics, musicians, travelers, etc., have come. In 1906 there were in the relationship five hundred and ninety-six names, including ninety-five added by marriage, and one hundred and seventeen deaths, leaving three hundred and eighty-four living descendants, directly connected.

The family has been a force in the county through a temperamental quietness. The original parents were Mennonites, or Anabaptists, as they were called in Switzerland. This religious connection held fairly close until the third generation, when intermarriages, travel, removals, etc., began to widen the borders and change the religious traditions of the fathers, so that now there are found within the pale of the principal denominations some members from almost every family.

The family has developed and perpetuated considerable tribal proclivities, which at times has developed into the better features of the Scottish clans. There has always been a strong leaning in the exercise of hospitality which has had the inevitable effect of spreading their reputation far beyond their own borders.

General education has not lost anything in the impetus of other growths. Aggressiveness, at times, like in other relationships, has become somewhat opinionated, yet there has gone from out their firesides a widespread influence for progress and the general good.

The family has largely intermarried with the Steiners, from which there has sprung a line of descendants who combine the best of each of the parental stems. The home, that bulwark of the nation, has found strong exemplifications among the ranks of the various family memberships. In politics the family has not been prominent, the old and new parties having adherents among them.

There is, indeed, a great stride from the ox-cart transportation of the early arrivals in this country to the modern steam-turbine leviathans of the deep. The telephones, automobiles, wireless telegraphy and aeroplanes all accentuate the marvelous differences between the former days and those of the present.

The oldest living member of the family still resides in the county, Peter Amstutz, of Smithville, Ohio, who was born November 15, 1832.

It has been thought best to not attempt to list the family names in the third and fourth generations, except the oldest of each family in the third generation, because there are so many that there would not be space available within the bounds of this history.

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CHRISTIAN A. WYER.

One of the most successful and widely known auctioneers in the United States is Christian A. Wyer. Such a statement of one of Wooster's young men may seem broad, but an investigation would prove it to be true, nevertheless. Wayne county has no more popular citizen, for he is a good mixer, always genial and pleasant to meet. He is a man who would succeed at anything to which he might direct his attention, possessing rare force of character and a strong discriminating intellect, yet withal he is entirely unassuming.

Mr. Wyer was born May 25, 1870, in Sterling, this county, and he is the scion of one of the excellent old families of this section of the Buckeye state, being the son of David and Catherine (Eicher) Wyer, both natives of Ohio. Grandfather Eicher, who came from France, was a farmer by occupation. His wife also was a native of France. David Wyer is now a resident of Orrville. His wife passed to her rest in 1904 and is buried at the cemetery at Orrville. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters, one son dying in infancy. They are, Samuel S., who lives in Columbus, Ohio, and is a mechanical engineer; Mrs. A. H. Stanfer lives in Barberton, Ohio; Mrs. William Schuetler lives on a farm in Wayne county, Ohio.

Christian A. Wyer received a good education in the public schools of Sterling, Ohio, and after leaving the school room he went to teaming, then engaged in the grocery business for about two years; he was then employed by the Rapid Transit Company of Akron, Ohio, for two years. He then conducted a meat market for three years at Barberton, Ohio, and in the meantime he began selling horses for the Winkler Horse Company at Orrville, Ohio, and he worked for this concern for a period of nine years. In connection with this firm he now works for the Crandel Horse Company, of Buffalo, New York, also for the Newgass horse commission firm of Chicago. He has been unusually successful in this line of work and has given his employers eminent satisfaction in every respect and has done much to increase the prestige of these firms.

On December 25, 1897, Mr. Wyer married Mayme Gingrey, of Creston, Ohio, where her people have long been prominent and well established. She is the daughter of John and Sarah Gingrey, both still living. A full sketch of these estimable people is to be found on another page of this work. Mrs. Wyer is a lady of many praiseworthy attributes and is a favorite with a wide circle of friends, a lady of culture and refinement, affable in manners and genial in disposition, and she presides over her neat and cozy home with rare grace and dignity, making all who visit them feel welcome. They have a



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beautiful and modern home in Orrville. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Wyer has been blessed by the birth of two interesting children, a son and a daughter, Beulah, a bright little miss now attending school, who was born September 8, 1900, and Paul H., who was born June 17, 1908.

Politically Mr. Wyer is a Democrat and in religious matters he and his wife are Methodists. Fraternally he belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, Cedar Lodge, No. 430, of Orrville, Ohio; he also belongs to the council of Royal and Select Masters, the Royal Arch chapter, and the commandery No. 48, Knights Templar, all at Wooster. He is a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret at Canton, Ohio, and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish rite. He is also a member of Alkoran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Cleveland, Ohio. He is active and popular in all these orders and, judging from his daily life among his fellow men, he endeavors to carry into practice the sublime precepts which they seek to inculcate.

HENRY A. PEAKE.

Among those men of sterling attributes of character who have impressed their personality upon the community of their residence and have borne their full share in the upbuilding and development of this part of Wayne county, mention must not be omitted of Henry A. Peake, who was born in Canaan township, Wayne county, on the 19th of April, 1846. His parents were George and Fanny (Vangelder) Peake, the former of whom was born in Schoharie county, New York, December 22, 1818, and the latter in New York state on March 12, 1820. The subject's paternal grandparents, David and Elenore (Wells) Peake, were born in Schoharie county, New York, about the year 1830, and came to Wayne county after their marriage, driving with their family of children from their eastern home to Canaan township, where the father bought two hundred acres of land, most of it being uncleared. This land he cleared and improved and lived there until his death. The subject's maternal grandfather, Jacob Vangelder, was an early settler near Montville, Medina county, where he engaged in the mercantile business and also engaged in the manufacture of potash. Late in life he moved to Wisconsin, with some of his children, and there his death occurred. George Peake, the subject's father, was reared to the life of a farmer, but at an early age he took up the occupation of stage-driver, driving for a long time between Columbus and Cleveland. He was a man of slight build, but was noted for his ability to

handle fractious and runaway horses which other men were afraid of. Soon after his marriage he purchased the south part of his father's farm in Canaan township. Originally a Whig in politics, he later became a Republican and took a deep interest in local affairs. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were married in 1842 and were the parents of three children, namely: Mary Elizabeth, born December 12, 1842, died July 14, 1890; Henry A., subject of this sketch; Rhody, who died in infancy. George Peake died in the spring of 1864, and was survived a number of years by his widow, who died on May 20, 1877.

Henry A. Peake secured his education in the district school near his home and in the public school at Creston. He was reared to the life of a farmer and when he was seventeen years old he was compelled, because of the death of his father, to take active charge of the farm for his mother. He has lived on the home farm ever since, his mother making her home with him until her death. The farm, which comprises sixty-seven and a half acres, is eligibly located in Canaan township, and is one of the model farms of the township. The place is characterized by good buildings, well-kept fences and highly cultivated fields that indicate the owner to be a man of energy, thrift and progressive ideas. The family are highly esteemed by their neighbors and friends and possess the unlimited confidence of all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

On December 22, 1868, Mr. Peake wedded Sarah Elizabeth Mills, who was born April 10, 1854, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Rebecca J. (McNiel) Mills, also of Lancaster county. William Mills was a shoemaker by trade and in 1856 he brought his family to Jackson, Canaan township, Wayne county, Ohio, where he continued to work at his trade. Rebecca Mills died in 1861, while the father still makes his home with the subject, being far advanced in years. To the subject and his wife the following children have been born: Elmer, born May 16, 1870, died April 16, 1871; Alberta Foster, born September 24, 1872, married Emma Bricker, September 6, 1894; George Irvin, born March 23, 1875, died June 27, 1893; Fannie Iola, born July 23, 1877, died August 22, 1878; Ina Pearl, born July 28, 1879, married Hal S. Guthrie October 16, 1901; William Ernest, born May 20, 1884, married Maude Clyne August 27, 1905. In politics Mr. Peake gives an earnest support to the Republican party, but is not a seeker after office.

As showing his public spirit it may be stated that in 1873 Mr. Peake petitioned for a forty-foot road, commencing a half mile west of Jackson, and running north one mile. The petition was granted, and Mr. Peake was as-

sessed fifty dollars an acre and cost of fencing, which he paid. One man, who was only required to cut the timber off the proposed roadway and move his fences, opposed the new road, saying it was a rank injustice. But this mile of roadway is now one of the most heavily traveled highways in the township.

PROF. LYMAN C. KNIGHT.

The present age is essentially utilitarian and the life of every successful man carries a lesson which, told in contemporary narrative, is productive of much good in shaping the destiny of others. In giving a brief resume of the scholarly gentleman whose name appears above, it is with a hope that it may prove not only interesting but also serve as an incentive to those who contemplate entering one of the professions. Professor Lyman C. Knight was born in Congress township, Wayne county, October 5, 1871, the son of Lyman S. Knight, a native of Williamsburg, Holmes county, this state, and who is now a resident of Congress township, this county, having come to this county in 1877. Lyman S. Knight is known as one of the leading educators of this locality, having been engaged in teaching up to 1908, when he retired. His services were always in great demand and he won the good will of both pupil and patron. Grandfather George Knight migrated to Holmes county where he lived a number of years, later removing to Newcastle, Coshocton county, Ohio. He was a tanner by trade. He married a Miss Boggs. L. S. Knight married Tamar L. Stanley, a representative of an old and influential family of Congress township, where she was born, the daughter of Nathaniel Stanley, a native of Wayne county, a member of a very early family who settled here when the wilderness had not yet been conquered and wild beasts were frequently met with. This family came from Pennsylvania and settled in Congress township, Wayne county; some of the family also located in Chester township. Nathaniel Stanley was an uncle of the famous General Stanley of the United States army. Mrs. Tamar (Stanley) Knight was a woman of fine attributes, who passed to her rest in 1904. She was the mother of five children; three are deceased, Mrs. Hattie Newmeyer, of Seville, Ohio, and Lyman C. being the only survivors.

Professor Knight was born on the old homestead in Congress township. At that time his father was teaching at Ft. Madison, Iowa. He received his primary education in the public schools, and then entered the Cleveland Business College, from which he was graduated in 1893. Actuated by a laudable

ambition to master the higher branches of learning, he entered the University of Wooster, from which he was graduated in 1904. He made an excellent record in all these institutions and began teaching at an early age,—in fact he had taught at the Savannah Academy before he had finished his education. He had also taught in many county schools. Gaining such a wide reputation as an instructor, he was wanted by large institutions, among which was the University of Wooster, where he was given the department of mathematics and science, which position he is still holding with credit to himself and the university, having won a high standing among the able educators of a state long noted for the high order of its professional talent. He is widely read and keeps abreast of the times on all matters pertaining to his line of work and in fact, all questions of weight and interest to thinking minds everywhere. He is a lover of the world's best literature and his carefully selected library contains the best works of the master minds of all ages. He is by nature an instructor, possessing those rare innate qualities that enable him to please both pupil and patron.

Professor Knight was married on September 4, 1897, to Jennie M. Clouse, the accomplished and refined daughter of James M. Clouse, a prominent citizen of Congress township, Wayne county, where Mrs. Knight was born and reared. One bright and interesting child has been born to this union, named Lester, whose birth occurred January 27, 1899. Mrs. Knight died November 10, 1909.

Professor Knight is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church. His work in every department of education is characteristically practical, as was also that of his honored father, and he possesses to a remarkable degree the sense of proportion and fitness. Continuous application has given him a clear and comprehensive insight into the philosophy of education and the largest wisdom as to method and means of attainment of ends, while his steady growth in public favor wherever he has labored and his popularity with teachers and pupils have won for him a standing in educational circles second to none in northern Ohio, possessing, as he does, the personal charm and tact which makes him popular with the young and old alike, and, judging by the past, it is safe to predict for him a future of still greater usefulness and honor.

CLYDE E. RUDY.

A well known member of a prominent Wayne county family is Clyde E. Rudy, who is deserving of a place in a work of this nature along with other progressive citizens because he has earned the rewards which have attended

his efforts, for, although beginning in a somewhat humble way at the foot of the ladder, he has steadily advanced, overcoming by perseverance every obstacle in the pathway of progress until he now occupies a conspicuous place in the life of his community.

Clyde E. Rudy is the son of Levi S. Rudy and the grandson of David Rudy, and the great grandson of Christian Rudy, who was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Wayne county, Ohio, in the fall of 1832, locating near Dalton, in what is now Sugar Creek township. In the spring of 1833 this old pioneer settled on a farm which he reclaimed from the primeval forest and on which Daniel L. Rudy now lives. Christian Rudy lived there until his death, and from this sterling ancestor a long line of worthy descendants have figured in the social and business life of Wayne county, one of the best known of the present generation being Clyde E. Rudy, whose birth occurred February 4, 1874, in section 2, Sugar Creek township. There he worked on the old home farm when very young in years and attended the district schools during the winter months. Not being satisfied with a common school education, he later entered the University of Wooster, where he made a very commendable record and prepared for a career as teacher, which profession he followed for a period of three years. Not taking very kindly to the life of a teacher, although he was making rapid headway in the same, he gave up that profession and returned to the farm, since which time he has given his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits, with gratifying results. He moved on the farm where he now lives in section 5, Sugar Creek township, which place consists of one hundred and six acres of excellent land on which he carries on general farming and stock raising in a manner that nets him a very comfortable yearly income. He has been a successful dealer in heavy draft horses, which he buys, feeds and markets, these animals, owing to their fine quality, always finding ready sales. He has an attractive and pleasant home, surrounded by a good orchard and, in fact, everything that makes country life attractive.

Mr. Rudy was married on December 29, 1897, to Cora Wecht, of Dalton, this township, in which town she was born on November 21, 1875. She is the daughter of Michael and Barbara (Delheimer) Wecht, both natives of Germany, who came to America in an early day and were among the first settlers in this county. They were each accompanied here by their parents. To Mr. and Mrs. Rudy three children have been born, namely: Margaret E., born June 13, 1901; Lois J., born March 29, 1903, and Paul L., born February 13, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy are members of the Presbyterian church at Dalton, this township, and politically the former is a Republican, but he has never aspired to office holding, his extensive private business taking all of his time.

W. J. CAMRON.

A man of unquestioned enterprise and integrity, whose entire life has been spent in his native locality, where he has succeeded in becoming one of the representative citizens, is W. J. Camron, who was born in Chippewa township, Wayne county, February 12, 1860, the son of John and Sevilla (Stichler) Camron. His paternal grandparents were Jeremiah and Elizabeth Camron, natives of Pennsylvania and Massillon, Ohio, and they were old settlers in Wayne county, Ohio. Jeremiah Camron was a captain of militia. His parents came from Scotland in an early day, settled in Pennsylvania and died there. W. J. Camron's maternal grandparents were George and Magdalena Stichler, natives of Pennsylvania; they came to Ohio very early and entered land in Chippewa township, Wayne county. John Camron is one of the best known men in this locality, having been constable for the past thirty-five years, with the exception of two years. He was born in Canal Fulton, Ohio, June 25, 1833, and he has devoted his life to farming and coal mining, owning a farm of sixty-six acres in Chippewa township. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his wife are the parents of fourteen children, eleven of whom are living at this writing, nine sons and two daughters. Sevilla Stichler, wife of Jeremiah Camron, was born about 1837, and she belonged to the Albright church. Jeremiah Camron has always been liberal in his religious views and has given freely to the churches.

W. J. Camron was educated in the Doylestown high school. Early in life he took up farming, and he was engaged successfully in the livery business for a period of twenty years, until 1905, since which date, or for the past twelve years, he has managed a hotel, which has become widely known to the traveling public as a place where excellent service is rendered and courteous treatment always accorded. In connection with his other business interests, he has all these years managed a farm of fifty acres, which he owns and which lies within the corporate limits of Doylestown and which is very valuable and highly productive. General farming is carried on with excellent results. Mr. Camron has been a very successful business man all his life and has man-

aged his affairs in a manner that has won the confidence and approval of all with whom he has had dealings.

Mr. Camron was married in 1885 to Ellen Cleckner, a native of Wayne county, and two children were born to them, both deceased. Mr. Camron married a second time, his last wedding occurring on November 17, 1893, and was solemnized with Mary McCoy, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Alexander) McCoy. To this union four children were born, namely: Helen, Harold, Stuart and Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. Camron's maternal grandfather was a native of Ireland and came to America in an early day, locating at Athens, Harrison county, Ohio, where the prents of Mrs. Camron graduated from college. James McCoy was born in 1836 and his wife in 1837; the former was a highly educated man and a professor in the Athens College for a period of twenty years. He also engaged in the insurance business. Both he and his wife, who were prominent people at Athens, are now deceased.

Politically Mr. Camron is a Democrat, and he has long taken an active interest in the local affairs of the party.

THE WAYNE COUNTY DEMOCRAT COMPANY.

Although the readers of this biographical and historical compendium do not need to be reminded that the Wayne County Democrat Company is one of the strongest of its kind in this section of the Buckeye state, a brief statement of its history is not anything amiss here. However, the members of the company are too well known locally to need any formal introduction through the pages of this work, all being practical men of affairs, long deeply interested in the progress of this locality and willing to do all in their power for its good in any way, and as a result of their persistent, painstaking and unselfish efforts they have succeeded in building up two of the strongest party organs of their type in the state, the *Wayne County Democrat* and the *Wooster Daily News*, both Democratic in politics and powerful champions of the party's principles. The former is the oldest paper in Wayne county, having now reached its eighty-third volume, the history of which dates back to the early days (1826) and it has long been the best patronized and with its sister sheet the most successful paper in the county and one of the most influential in northern Ohio outside of the large cities, being, as already intimated, the official organ of the local

Democracy and a power in the political affairs of this part of the state, ably seconded in this respect by the *News*. Under the present management they have steadily grown in public favor, and now have large and continually increasing subscription lists, a liberal advertising patronage, and with a job office well equipped with the latest machinery and devices used in the art preservative. Their columns teem with the news of the day, as well as able discussions of the leading questions and issues upon which men and parties are divided, and they promise to continue in the future as they have been in the past, a strong influence in political affairs and a power in moulding and directing opinion in matters of general interest to the public.

The Wayne County Democrat Company was incorporated in 1905 for the sum of fifteen thousand and five hundred dollars, John C. Hoffman being president and manager and Fred H. Zimmerman, secretary and treasurer.

ANDREW J. LANCE.

Andrew Jackson Lance was the seventh son of James and Mary Lance, and was born in Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio, October 29, 1846. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm. The most of his education was acquired in the old log school house on his father's farm. The means of acquiring an education in those days were meager, as all boys were in attendance at school but a very few months in the year, owing to the fact that they were required to help on the farm clearing the forests and tramping out grain with horses in winter when there was no school. He remained on the old farm until 1875, when he bought a farm in the northwest corner of Milton township, one mile east of Creston, and with his mother moved on the farm the first of April, 1875. His mother died May 17, 1875.

Mr. Lance was united in marriage to Katie R. Kostenbader, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Kostenbader. She was born in Pennsylvania, May 18, 1847, and came to Ohio with her parents when she was six years old. There were born to this union two children, Burr, born April 18, 1876, and Bonnie, born April 11, 1880. They are both at home at present, Burr being single and Bonnie married.

Mr. Lance sold his farm in Milton in 1887 and removed to Creston in the spring of 1888. He bought a farm the same year and put up all new buildings in 1889 in South Creston, where he now resides with his son and daughter, his wife having preceded him to the great beyond, February 10, 1905.



A. J. LANCE



MRS. A. J. LANCE

Mr. Lance is a man who is generous to a fault. To know him is to like him. "A. J.," as he is favorably known to a host of friends, is a man of sterling qualities, whose word is his bond. In politics he is a Democrat, having served his party two terms as trustee of Milton township, and could have had justice of the peace and trustee of Canaan township but refused. He never was an office-seeker. He was elected a member of the first council of the village of Creston in June, 1899, and is a member of the present council of 1910. He is trustee of the Cemetery Association, is a member of the Royal Arcanum and Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 268, of Seville, Medina county, Ohio.

Bonnie Lance, daughter of Andrew Jackson Lance, was born in Milton township in 1880, and later moved to Creston, where she has since resided. She was married in 1897 to Lee H. Grunder, son of Henry Grunder. To this union were born four children: Ona Kathryn, born October 8, 1898; Reba Louise, born March 3, 1901; Henry Dale, born September 22, 1903, and Dorothy Fay, born June 21, 1906, all living at home at the present time.

MAHLON ROUCH.

An enumeration of the representative citizens of Wayne county who have won recognition and success for themselves and at the same time conferred honor upon the community dignified by their citizenship, would be decidedly incomplete were there failure to make specific mention of the popular attorney whose name initiates this review, who has long held worthy prestige in legal, business, political and social circles, and has always been distinctively a man of affairs. He wields a wide influence among those with whom his lot has been cast, ever having the affairs of his county and state at heart and doing what he could to aid the general development of his native locality, thereby deserving the applause which is today accorded him by all classes.

Mahlon Rouch may consistently be ranked as one of Wayne county's most prominent and popular products, for his birth occurred in Plain township, June 2, 1841, and the major part of his useful life has been spent within the borders of this county. He descended from an excellent ancestry, the type that laid the foundations for succeeding generations to prosper and enjoy. His father was Jacob Rouch, a man of sound judgment, excellent traits and much influence in his community, some of his worthy attributes descending to the subject, those worthy of enumeration being, powers of extempore

speaking, acute, alert and argumentative debating powers, for the elder Rouch was a natural orator, who, on the political rostrum, spoke convincingly, and who, withal, possessed an anomalous memory. He was a prosperous farmer and on his father's broad acres Mahlon spent his earlier years, becoming inured to manual toil, which resulted in laying the foundation for a sturdy manhood. He attended the neighboring schools during the winter months, and when nineteen years of age he gratified an ambition of long standing by beginning a college course at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, in the autumn of 1860, in which institution he remained two years. Then feeling that it was his duty to give up all and do what he could toward saving the national Union from disruption, he laid aside his books and entered the Federal army, enlisting on August 16, 1862, in Company A, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Joseph H. Downing, and after a most faithful and gallant service in many a trying campaign and hard-fought field in the Southland, received his honorable discharge from the military service on July 22, 1865. A criterion of his ability and patriotism as a soldier is gained by a study of his record while in the service, which shows a series of promotions which none but the deserving could have received. Enlisting as a private, he was successively promoted to sergeant and sergeant major; to second lieutenant and first lieutenant; the last promotion coming to him when held as a prisoner.

The military record of Mr. Rouch is one of which any loyal supporter of the honor of the stars and stripes might well be proud and feel a justifiable satisfaction of duty modestly but faithfully performed. He was never off duty, and was in every engagement in which his regiment participated, except when he was a captive within the Confederate lines. His soldier fortunes were identified with those of his regiment at Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi, December 28, 1862, to January 1, 1863, and Arkansas Post, January 11th following, and he passed through that terrible scourge of sickness and death among the troops at Young's Point, Louisiana, withstanding and performing all the duties of the well soldier among the sick and dying, and he also worked many days on the Grant Canal. He was in the march from Miliken's Bend to the rear of Vicksburg, and in the siege of that city until it fell; the final taking of Jackson, and in the disastrous engagement on board the boat "City Belle," which was captured by the enemy near Shaggy Point, Red river, Louisiana, May 3, 1864, when he was made a prisoner, and was held as such for thirteen months, in Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas. He finally received his discharge July 22, 1865, over three and one-half months after the fall of Richmond, April 9, 1865.

Returning from the army, Mr. Rouch taught school the following winter, then engaged in farming for a season, and in the campaign of 1866 he was a candidate for auditor of Wayne county, on what was known that year as the Soldier's ticket, but failed of election, going down in defeat with the balance of the ticket, by a small majority. In order to further equip himself for what the poets are pleased to call "the battle of life," he entered the law department of Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1868, having made a splendid record. During this year he was admitted to the bar in Ohio by the district court of Wayne county. He began practice in the spring of 1870 in Orrville, remaining there for a period of four years and gaining an excellent foothold in the legal profession, but, observing a wider field for the exercise of his talents, he moved to Wooster in the spring of 1874, immediately opening an office here and he very successfully prosecuted his legal duties without an associate in practice until the formation of partnership relations with C. M. Yocum, in 1896. He was a candidate in 1898 on the Prohibition ticket for supreme judge of the state of Ohio.

Mr. Rouch was originally a Republican, but for the past twenty-seven years has not been in co-operation with that party. As stated above, in 1898 he was candidate for supreme judge of Ohio on the Prohibition ticket, but failed of election, however making an excellent race. He first turned his attention to the Prohibition party in 1882 and thus for more than a quarter of a century he has been loyal, consistent and true to his convictions, notwithstanding the fact that his allegiance to the same has, perhaps, deprived him of public offices which, had he remained a Republican, he doubtless could have easily procured; but principle means everything to him and he is of the type of men of Henry Clay, who said: "I had rather be right than to be President." Mr. Rouch is a consistent Christian gentleman, honored and trusted by all with whom he has come into contact. Since 1874 he has been an active member of the United Presbyterian church, of which he is a liberal supporter.

By strict attention to his professional duties, by careful investigation of the legal questions that are brought before him for consideration, in combination with his sound judgment and natural legal sense, he has come to be recognized as one of the safe and reliable legal counselors at the Wayne county bar. Not only is he highly regarded in this capacity, but as an advocate he maintains the standard of successful trial lawyers. He talks easily, freely and with directness to the subject under consideration. There is little

circumlocution, no surplusage or ambiguity in his arguments. In his manipulation of evidence he is methodical and discriminating, cool, calm, unshaken and is not easily foiled by an adversary or flung from his poise. His nerves lie deep under the cuticle and do not hastily vibrate under exciting environments, his adversaries in court usually failing to draw him from his equilibrium. In his professional and private relations he is circumspect and honorable and as a man and citizen is progressive and enterprising.

In 1870 Mr. Rouch was married to Margaret McQuigg, daughter of John McQuigg, now deceased, a native of Ireland.

HARRY E. BAKER.

Harry E. Baker, of Orrville, comes of a family of German extraction who have for several generations been citizens of America. His great-grandfather Baker (the name being then spelled Becker) came to this country before the Revolutionary war. He was a Dunkard. He entered the army and served faithfully until the close of the war. His son Frederick, great-grandfather of Harry E., was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and about 1832 came to Wayne county with his family, locating in Canaan township, but later removed to Seneca county, Ohio, where he and his wife both died. They had a numerous family: Frederick, a resident of Seneca county, Ohio; Jacob Baker, of Wooster, Ohio; Peter, of Germantown, Ohio, who was formerly a Methodist preacher; Julia Ann, widow of Charles Betts, of Marshalltown, Iowa. Abraham, grandfather of Harry E., was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1800. In his youth he began study of medicine, but gave it up to enter the ministry, becoming a preacher of the Evangelical Association. For a number of years he labored in that cause, but on account of defective hearing gave up preaching and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. He adopted the profession of veterinary surgeon, and in June, 1834, he came to Wayne county, where he lived until his death, in 1891, at Wooster. This was then a new country and Mr. Baker saw it transformed from a wilderness to one of the richest agricultural counties of the great state of Ohio. For three years he kept a hotel in Wooster and then removed to Jefferson, four and one-half miles west, where he remained until the death of his wife. He was married in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, to Mrs. Hannah (Spangler) Zinn, a native of that county, who had been previously married to William Zinn, by whom she

had four children, two of them yet living, George and Elizabeth. She was born in 1797 and died May 9, 1878. Her father when quite young came to America from Zweibruecken, Germany, about one hundred and fifty years ago. He had learned surveying in his native land and on arriving in America his entire property consisted of his instruments. In order to reach the New World he was compelled to sell his services for a certain period to a transportation company, and by hard labor paid for his passage. At the time of his death he was the owner of four fine farms, two in Lancaster county and two in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Abraham Baker was all his life a religious man and for fifty years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, there being no Evangelical society when he came to Ohio. He was an honest, straightforward man, esteemed by all who knew him. He and his wife had four children, William Bartman, Samuel Hunter, Catherine Amanda, Yost Spangler, all deceased except Yost S., father of Harry E., who was born in Wooster, September 7, 1834.

Yost S. Baker learned the trade of shoemaking, at which he worked until July 24, 1862, on which day he entered the Union army in Company I, One Hundred and Second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was ordered from the rendezvous at Camp Mansfield, before being armed or equipped, to the defense of Cincinnati, then threatened by the rebel Gen. Kirby Smith. They were mustered into the United States service in Covington, Kentucky, and then sent to Newport, that state, where they were kept in line of battle for several days. The regiment afterward saw considerable service in the Southwest, in which Mr. Baker participated, serving faithfully until the close of the war; he was discharged May 23, 1865, having served three years. Though never wounded, the hardships endured in the army somewhat impaired Mr. Baker's health and he yet feels their effects. Returning to the pursuits of peace, he opened a shoe shop in Smithville, where for six months he carried on his trade. Then sold out and for several years worked as a journeyman. In 1877, he again opened a shop in Smithville, to which in 1885 he added a line of ready-made goods. Yost S. Baker was married August 2, 1860, to Fannie Drabenstot, who was born September 23, 1840, near Smithville, her parents having come from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Harry Ellsworth and Edna May. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Baker's grandfather, Frederick Drabenstot, was married to Peggy Nicholas and they had ten children. Frederick, the grandfather of the subject, was

born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1806 and in 1829 married Mary Croft, she being one of four children, two boys and two girls. They came to Wayne county in 1830 and had three children, Jacob, Mary and Fanny, all living. Mary Croft Drabenstot died at the age of forty-eight and Frederick Drabenstot married Mary Williams. They had four children, Emma, Ida, Della and Hugh, of whom the youngest three are living. In 1865 he sold his farm in Wayne county and removed to Huntington county, Indiana, where he purchased two farms, and where he died in 1900, at the age of ninety-six years.

Harry Ellsworth Baker was born April 26, 1861, while the family was living at Smithville, but his birthplace was Jefferson. His district school education was supplemented with two years' tuition in Professor Eberly's high school, in Smithville, later the Northern Ohio Normal School. Leaving there he learned the trade of a barber at Wooster and returning to Smithville in 1880, opened a shop. On November 22, 1881, Mr. Baker was married to Emma Loretta, only child of John H. and Mary E. (Salmons) Myers, of Orrville. Her father was a teacher and had been principal of the high schools at Upper Sandusky, Kenton, Wadsworth, Ohio, and for two years preceding his death, of the high school at Orrville, also holding the position of county examiner. He died September 8, 1875, aged thirty-eight, and his widow subsequently became the wife of John H. Harter. She is still a resident of Orrville and has one child, Mary Alverda Harter. About fifty-five years ago the Myers family came to Wayne county, from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Tobias Myers, grandfather of Mrs. Baker, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and when eighteen years of age came to America. In 1836 he was married to Catherine Zimmerman, to which union ten children were born: John H., father of Mrs. Baker; Jacob, Mary (Rife), Samuel, Elizabeth (Bechtel), Reuben, Tobias, Daniel, Abraham and Elam. Four still survive, three of them living in Wayne county. Harry E. Baker moved to Orrville in 1894 where he conducts one of the leading barber shops and takes an active interest in local affairs. He also owns a fine farm adjoining the town, where he is interested quite extensively in preparing Western draft horses for the Eastern markets, and also owns several valuable properties in Orrville. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have one child, Ellis Myers, born August 29, 1882, who resides in Orrville and is engaged in business with his father. He was married February 21, 1904, to M. Gertrude Seas, daughter of the late J. T. Seas, to which union one child was born, Mary Eleanor, July 12, 1906. Mrs. Baker was born in Smithville, Ohio, December 21,

1862, and was three years old when her father accepted the position of principal of the schools at Upper Sandusky, where he lived three years. She lived with her parents until her father's death and then made her home with her mother until her marriage. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Emma Baker's great-grandfather, Jesse McKinley, was born in 1794 in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and in 1815 married Mary Dugan, who was born at the same place in 1792. They moved to Wayne county in 1817, where they lived till their deaths. Jesse McKinley was a squire and a school teacher and owned a quarter section of land at his death. They had a family of nine children. Catherine (McKinley) Gearard, the eldest of the family and grandmother of Emma Baker, was married to Charles Salmons December 13, 1838, and they had two children, Mary Etta, mother of Emma Baker, and Elizabeth Ann, both living in Wayne county. Mrs. Salmons afterward married J. P. Gearard. She died in 1898 on the old McKinley homestead at the age of eighty-two years. Jesse McKinley died at the age of thirty-nine years and his widow survived him twenty years, dying at the age of fifty-nine. Emma Baker's great-great-grandfather and great-great-grandmother McKinley were natives of Ireland, as were also her great-great-grandparents Dugan.

WILLIAM MORGANROTH.

Standing for upright manhood and progressive citizenship, William Morganroth, the well known and popular hotel man of Wooster, has long represented that class of residents of Wayne county who may be depended upon to support such measures as tend toward the general upbuilding of the community along material, civic and moral lines. The prosperity and substantial welfare of any vicinity in a large measure are due to the enterprise and wise foresight of the class of business men which he represents—progressive, wide-awake men of affairs. These make the real history of a community, and their influence in shaping and directing its varied interests is difficult to estimate.

Mr. Morganroth was born April 17, 1861, in Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, and he is the son of Henry and Anna (Guenther) Morganroth. Both parents were born in Germany, from which country they came to America in youth. The father learned the weaver's trade, and he worked in the factories at Akron and Massillon, Ohio, for some time. He subsequently entered the

hotel business at Massillon and Doylestown. The father died in May, 1895, and the mother died in August of that year, and both are buried in the cemetery at Doylestown. They were highly respected and well known in their community.

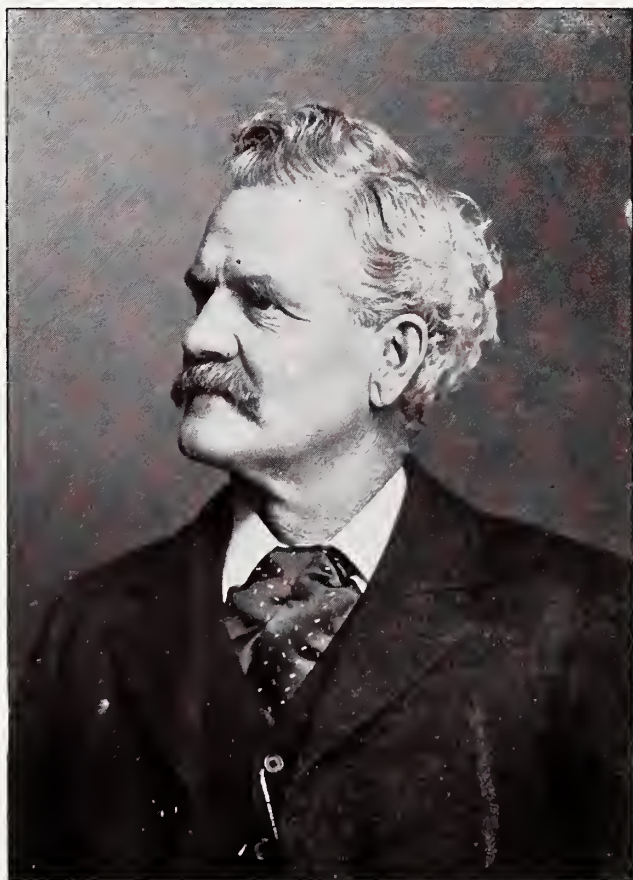
William Morganroth received a good education in the public schools at Doylestown and after passing through the high school he learned the butcher business and for many years he was successfully engaged in business for himself, also bought cattle on an extensive scale in connection with his regular vocation. In 1895 he entered the hotel business at Greenwich, Ohio, and from there to New London, Ohio, and he enjoyed a very satisfactory patronage and became widely known to the traveling public as a genial and obliging host. He subsequently went to Akron and engaged in the same business with equal success, later came to Wooster where he is now managing one of the most popular and best hotels—the Archer—in this part of the state. It is first-class in every respect, always well kept, neatly furnished and under his able management has become a favorite with the traveling public.

In December, 1891, Mr. Morganroth married Minnie Siever, of Summit county, Ohio, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Yacky) Siever, an excellent old family of that county. To Mr. and Mrs. Morganroth was born one child, Della, now a young lady of rare refinement and much promise, and popular with the young society people of Wooster. Mr. and Mrs. Morganroth are people of sterling worth and of praiseworthy characteristics. Mr. Morganroth is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, having started in life a poor boy and compelled to work his own way to success.

LAKE F. JONES.

Lake F. Jones was born on the 11th day of August, 1844, at Fredericksburg, Wayne county, Ohio, and died on the 9th day of September, 1907, at Wooster, Ohio. He was a son of David K. and Elizabeth (Rayl) Jones, and a grandson of Benjamin and Hannah (Van Nimmon) Jones.

David K. Jones, the father of Lake F. Jones, was born in Wooster on the 21st day of July, 1815. He engaged in the dry goods business in Wooster and later moved to Shreve, where he conducted a general store for many years. He was a man of fine appearance, kind and generous, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He served as postmaster of Shreve and



HON. LAKE F. JONES

held other offices of trust in that village, where he resided for many years, and where he died at the advanced age of ninety-four years.

Benjamin Jones, the grandfather of Lake F. Jones, was born in Winchester, Frederick county, Virginia, the 13th day of April, 1787, and when but a child was taken by his parents to Washington county, Pennsylvania. In 1811 he first visited Wooster on a tour of inspection on horseback. In the winter of 1812-13 he returned to Wooster, where he afterwards resided and where he spent an active and useful life. In 1815 he was elected justice of the peace of Wooster township, and subsequently filled the office of trustee of that township. In 1818 he was elected commissioner of Wayne county and served in that capacity for three years. In 1821 he was elected a representative for the county of Wayne in the General Assembly of Ohio. In 1824 he was placed on the Jackson electoral ticket as one of the district electors. He represented Wayne county in the Ohio Senate from December 7, 1829, to December 3, 1832, having been re-elected in 1830. In 1832 he was elected a member of Congress and re-elected in 1834. March 17, 1836, he retired to his farm, west of Wooster, where he lived until his death, which occurred on the 24th of April, 1861.

Lake F. Jones at an early age engaged in business on his own account, buying and selling sheep and cattle, and operated this business successfully in Wayne, Holmes and Knox counties. In 1868 he was married to Jennie Rathall, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he was then located in business. They had four children, as follows: Mary E., married to John Johnson, of Wooster; Jessie K., married to Judge John C. McClaran, of Wooster; Charles C. Jones, of Wooster, and Lena F. Jones, who died in Wooster, aged eight years, in 1883. In 1881 Mr. Jones, with his family, moved from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to Wooster and afterwards engaged in the real estate business, and in later years devoted his time and attention to prospecting for oil and gas in different parts of northern Ohio. He was kind hearted and generous to a fault, and always willing to help those in distress. He was widely known and had many friends. Like his father and grandfather, he was an ardent Democrat in politics, and was, for many years prior to his death, prominent in the councils of that party in Wayne county. As a Democrat he was nominated and elected several terms as a member of the Wooster city council. In 1896 he received the Democratic nomination for state senator from Wayne county by a large majority, and was elected and served as a member of the Ohio Senate in the seventy-third General Assembly, representing the counties of Wayne, Holmes, Knox and Morrow.

EZEKIEL B. ZIMMERMAN.

It is a rare privilege, not enjoyed by many of us, to spend our lives on the old home place, which, after all, is the best place, no matter what other localities may have to offer, but this E. B. Zimmerman, a well-known farmer of Chippewa township, Wayne county, has been able to do, having been born on the place where he now resides, on September 30, 1848. His paternal grandparents were Nathan and Mary (Morton) Zimmerman. The father of Mary Morton had the distinction of being a soldier in the Revolutionary war under General Greene, and the Hessian army camped at one time on the Morton farm, near Trenton, New Jersey, killing all their stock; the farm was overrun and considerably damaged by the soldiers, but Greene's army helped run the foreign enemy off the place. Mary Morton was of English descent, while her husband was born in Germany. He lived for many years in Center county, Pennsylvania, and was finally killed there about 1811 or 1812 by a tree falling on him. The maternal grandparents of the subject, Samuel and Mary (Likens) McClelland, were natives of Pennsylvania also, the McClellands having been of Scotch-Irish descent and the Likens family of Irish descent. Samuel and Mary McClelland moved to Ohio in a very early day and lived near Dalton, where Mr. McClelland died; later his widow moved to Indiana and married a Mr. Brown, and she lived to be past ninety-one years of age, dying in Indiana.

Ezekiel Zimmerman, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1808 in Pennsylvania and with his mother came to Ohio in 1812 and located near Marshallville, Wayne county, in Chippewa township. There he grew up and worked on the farm, attending such primitive schools as the times afforded, receiving only a very meager education. The mother of the subject, Rachael Ann McClelland, was born near Dalton, Ohio, in 1821. She was the second wife of Mr. Zimmerman. The latter was always a farmer and at his death owned considerable land, about three hundred and forty acres, in Chippewa township; he traded a great deal in land and was very successful, though he lived a quiet, retired life for the most part. He was a Republican during most of his life, though he voted for Andrew Jackson. His death occurred in 1876, when he was over sixty-eight years of age, while his wife survived until in March, 1908, dying when eighty-six years old. They were the parents of eight children, four of whom are still living.

E. B. Zimmerman was educated in the Smithville Academy; being an ambitious student, he later took a correspondence course with the Chautauqua Correspondence School for a period of nine years, receiving a graded certificate.

Mr. Zimmerman early in life began active farming and lumbering and has continued in these lines ever since with marked success. He now owns one hundred and sixty-two acres of the old homestead and seventy-eight acres in another place, besides one hundred and twenty-two acres owned by his wife, which he manages. He carries on general farming in a manner that stamps him as one of the leading agriculturists of the township, his places all being under a high state of improvement. He has a beautifully located and attractive dwelling, a fine barn and all the outbuildings and farming machinery needed by an up-to-date farmer. He keeps an excellent grade of livestock, being especially fond of horses and cattle and a good judge of the same.

Mr. Zimmerman was married on March 14, 1877, to Frances Hess, a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and the daughter of James and Christiana (Franks) Hess. To Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have been born seven children, namely: Edna E., a graduate of the University of Wooster, now engaged in teaching at Lander, Wyoming; Ira is a farmer; Clara is the wife of Earl Steiner; Ernest, who is still a member of the home circle, was educated in the Ohio State University, taking a short course there, later spent the first year in the University of Wooster and two years in Columbus; Daniel E. is a student in the Marshallville high school at this writing; two children died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Zimmerman is a Republican, always taking considerable interest in local affairs. He has very ably served as trustee of Chippewa township for a period of three years and has also been school director. Mrs. Zimmerman is a member of the Baptist church.

S. GRANT CASE.

Among the citizens of Plain township, Wayne county, who seem to have the management of their affairs well in hand and who by their own efforts have climbed from a humble beginning to a place of influence and comparative ease financially, is S. Grant Case, who was born in this county in 1866. He is the son of Cyrus S. and Sarah (Miller) Case, both natives of Wayne county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents of the subject were Samuel and Rachel (Troutman) Case, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Pennsylvania. They came to Wayne county, Ohio, in an early day, and settled three miles south of Wooster, where they devoted

themselves to farming. Four of their sons were soldiers in the Civil war, namely: George T., Thomas D., Cyrus S. and Rezin B. The last named died in a hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. Samuel Case lived in Wayne county until his death. The maternal grandparents of S. Grant Case were Samuel and Rebecca (Snyder) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania. Shortly after their marriage in that state they came to Ohio and settled in Franklin township, Wayne county, on a farm which they developed. In about 1873 they bought a farm near Millbrook and there they remained the rest of their lives.

Cyrus S. Case received a very limited education in the early schools. He began farming early in life and has followed this occupation ever since; however, he now lives practically retired in Millbrook. He has been a successful man and has borne an excellent reputation, having been active in the Lutheran church for about fifty years. He reared three children, S. Grant, of this review; Luella, who married a Mr. Landis; Mamie, who married a Mr. Strock.

S. Grant Case was educated in the common schools and did a great deal of studying at home, preparing himself for a teacher, having early in life decided to devote himself to that laudable work. He began in 1887 and has continued this profession ever since, gaining a wide reputation as one of the ablest educators of the county, his services being in constant demand, possessing the happy faculty of pleasing both pupil and patron. He is deeply grounded in the basic principles of his profession and keeps abreast of the times in every line pertaining to the same.

Mr. Case's domestic life began in 1892, when he formed a matrimonial alliance with Eliza Musser, the accomplished daughter of Martin and Mary (Rickabaugh) Musser, both originally from Pennsylvania, each representatives of old and sterling pioneer families. To the subject and wife two children have been born, Claude C. and C. Marion.

Mr. Case finds time to carry on another line of business, which he finds both pleasant and profitable, being an extensive breeder of Barred Plymouth Rock chickens, being considered an expert judge of all varieties of fancy poultry. For several years he has judged poultry at most of the leading fairs in Ohio, including the state fair and numerous smaller fairs and poultry shows, and he has become widely known to poultry raisers throughout the country. His poultry is always greatly admired by whoever sees them.

Fraternally, Mr. Case is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, and religiously he is a Lutheran. He is a Republican and has long taken an

active interest in party affairs locally, being at this writing a member of the county board of elections, being supervisor of the board, and he makes his influence felt in county politics. In 1892 he was elected justice of the peace of Plain township and faithfully performed the duties of this office for one term, but refused re-election. In 1904 he was elected assessor of Plain township, and re-elected in 1905. He has proven to be a most efficient and faithful public servant, giving eminent satisfaction to all concerned, irrespective of party affiliations.

HOMER B. ODENKIRK.

One of the public spirited citizens of Wayne county who withholds his co-operation from no movement which is intended to promote public improvement is Homer B. Odenkirk. What he has achieved in life proves the force of his character and illustrates his steadfastness of purpose, and his advancement to a position of honor and credit in the life of this community is the direct outcome of his own persistent and worthy labors and it would be hard to find a more popular or congenial gentleman in the section of the great Buckeye state of which this volume treats.

Mr. Odenkirk was born March 29, 1857, on the line between Huntingdon and Mifflin counties, Pennsylvania, and he is the son of Isaac and Emmaline (Jacobs) Odenkirk. The father was a farmer and a stock buyer. The maternal grandfather Jacobs fought in the Revolutionary war, and was given land for pay in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, from the government. The paternal grandfather came from some foreign country, the exact location of his birthplace not being known. There were three sons, Isaac, John and George. Only two of them, Isaac and George, reared children. Isaac was reared in Pennsylvania and he was able to procure only a meager education. In the early days he teamed from Pittsburg to Philadelphia, and during such trips he was compelled to sleep in his wagon on account of the hotels being crowded. He was a sterling character. His death occurred about 1892, his wife having preceded him to the grave about 1870.

Homer B. Odenkirk came to Ohio in 1877 and located at East Union. He remained there but a short time when he moved to Wooster. He had received a fairly good education in the schools of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and as a young man he learned telegraphy, the old relay system, but he never followed his profession. Upon coming to Wooster he went into the

music business, which he followed in company with his brother, John Thomas, for a year, then managed the business alone for two years, when he formed a partnership with Speers & McClaran and continued in this manner for a period of sixteen years, enjoying a very satisfactory patronage. He then again engaged in business alone for several years. He next went in partnership with the Boston Piano Company, of Wooster, continuing until the company sold out to a party in Coshocton, Ohio. Mr. Odenkirk then entered the oil business, which he followed for a period of nine years. He was the only person that made an attempt to develop the oil fields around Wooster. He met with discouragements on every hand, but for many years he was assisted in his labors by friends and at last his efforts were crowned with success. It might here be stated that he was responsible for the Boston Piano Company locating in Wooster.

In April, 1900, he began hauling timber to about one mile west of Wooster to a place known as Q. Jones' farm of five hundred acres and began building a derrick which was soon erected and he began drilling. On July 9, 1910, the well was shot and it showed an abundance of gas and some oil. The gas was piped to the Shale Brick Works and is now supplying the same with fuel. This proves that such perseverance as Mr. Odenkirk has will always win, and Mr. Odenkirk should feel proud of his achievements. He is a man who does things, being energetic, broad-minded, persistent and straightforward in all the relations of life.

Mr. Odenkirk was married on November 2, 1889, to Elizabeth Miller, of Burbank, Ohio. She comes of one of the old and well established families, being the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Miller. Both are living at Burbank, retired. To Mr. and Mrs. Odenkirk one child, Rose, was born; she married William Holmes and they live in Wooster.

Politically, Mr. Odenkirk is independent, leaning somewhat toward Democracy. He is prominent in the Masonic lodge in Wooster. He has always taken an abiding interest in the affairs of this locality and for a period of four years he very ably served in the city council. Personally he is a very pleasant gentleman, genial, genteel, honest, a man whom to know is to admire and respect.

JOHN V. STAHL, D. D. S.

Independence of spirit, enterprise, industry and determination, so essential to a successful career in connection with any vocation, are possessed in an eminent degree by the subject of this review, who is one of the leading den-

48, Knights Templar, and prelate of this commandery for the past eighteen years; is a member of Wooster Council No. 13, Royal and Select Masters tists in the city of Wooster. He was born in Winesburg, Holmes county, Ohio, on the 24th of March, 1868, and is descended from Bavarian parentage. His grandfather, John Valentine Stahl, was born in Bavaria, near Munich, Germany, and in 1827 he came to the United States, locating in Holmes county, Ohio. There he established the town of Winesburg and donated the site for the first church there. He was a potter by trade and was highly respected in his community, where he lived during the remainder of his life. The subject's father, Charles Stahl, was born in Bavaria, in 1821, and accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States in 1827. On attaining years of maturity he took up the pursuit of farming, which he followed during his active life, his death occurring at Winesburg on February 28, 1902, at the age of eighty years. He had served as a justice of the peace for many years and stood high in his community. He married Louise Dodez, who was born at Mount Eaton, Wayne county, January 3, 1839. She is still living, though an invalid from the effects of paralysis, and is making her home with relatives at Canton, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Stahl were born seven children, all of whom are living, namely: Julius, of Bloomfield, Nebraska; Daniel, of Winesburg, Ohio; Charles H., an attorney at Akron, Ohio; Joseph, of North Baltimore, Ohio, being vice-president of the First National Bank of that place; Mrs. Mary Jefferson, of Plain View, Nebraska, and Mrs. Lulu Hansen, of Canton, Ohio.

John V. Stahl received his preliminary education in the schools of his home community and remained under the parental roof until eighteen years of age. He then became a student in the Riverside Military Academy at Poughkeepsie, New York, after which he attended Eastman's National Business College, at Poughkeepsie, where he graduated in 1888. He then became a traveling salesman in the interest of F. A. Davis, publisher of medical books at Philadelphia, remaining with this house several years and making a good reputation as a successful salesman. In 1892 Mr. Stahl entered the dental department of Northwestern University, at Chicago, where he remained two years, taking one year in the study of medicine and one year in dentistry. He completed his technical education in the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, at Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1895. Upon the completion of his professional studies, Doctor Stahl located at Mowrystown, Highland county, Ohio, but was not satisfied with the location and in July of the same year he came to Wooster, where he has since remained. He met with a satisfactory reception

from the public from the start and has always enjoyed his full share of the public patronage. He is a careful and painstaking workman and has invariably given satisfaction in his work. His office is fitted with all the latest and improved appliances for the successful practice of his profession and he keeps in touch with the latest advances made in his profession. In 1908 Dr. Stahl took a post-graduate course at the Northwestern University. He keeps in close touch with his professional brethren through his membership in the Ohio State Dental Association and the Northern Ohio Dental Association, of which he is a valued member. He also possesses a large and well-selected library of standard books in several lines of literature and is a close reader of the world's best authors. He has been a keen observer too and is a well informed man on matters in general.

Socially, Doctor Stahl is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Wooster. His religious membership is with the German Evangelical church at Winesburg. The Doctor is up to date and ready at all times to encourage movements for the material advancement of his city or county. He has a large number of warm personal friends and is well liked by all who know him.

JAMES BUCHANAN MINIER.

It is the progressive, wide-awake man of affairs that makes the real history of a community, and its influence as a potential factor of the body politic is difficult to estimate. The examples such men furnish of patient purpose and steadfast integrity strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish, and there is always a full measure of satisfaction in adverting, even in a casual way, to their achievements in advancing the interests of their fellow men and in giving strength and solidity to the institutions which make so much for the prosperity of the community. Such a man is the worthy gentleman whose name forms the caption of this biographical review, and as such it is proper that a resume of his eminently commendable career be accorded a place among the representative citizens of the city and county in which he resides.

James Buchanan Minier, residing at No. 12 Spruce street, Wooster, Ohio, was born at Elmira, Chemung county, New York, December 4, 1856. He is the son of Solomon and Henrietta Maria (Olmstead) Minier, the father born



J. B. MINIER

at Nunda, Livingston county, New York, July 21, 1815, and the mother at Fairsdale, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1832. The Minier family is of French (Huguenot) descent. The subject's paternal grandfather, George Minier, was born at Easton, Pennsylvania, and was among the survivors of the Wyoming massacre. Daniel Minier was an officer in General Sullivan's army in the Revolutionary war. The subject's grandmother, Susan (Cooper) Minier, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and she was a sister of Major John Cooper, who was killed at the battle of Lundy's Lane, fought during the latter part of the war of 1812. The Olmstead family is of English descent. The maternal grandfather, Waller Olmstead, was related to Governor Waller of Connecticut.

James B. Minier, of this review, was educated at the Elmira Free Academy. Taking up the study of law, in which he made rapid progress, he was admitted as attorney and counsellor at law in New York in 1880. In 1881 he removed to Ohio. He also successfully engaged in editorial and other newspaper and literary work for a number of years, winning a reputation as a clear, forceful and trenchant writer. He enlisted as a private in Company D, Eighth Regiment Ohio National Guard, Infantry, on October 5, 1882, and was honorably discharged on March 3, 1886.

Mr. Minier was married on January 5, 1879, to Etta C. Power, a young lady of culture and refinement, and an accomplished musician, the daughter of James B. and Martha (Riley), Power, one of Wooster's oldest and most highly esteemed families. This union has been blessed by the birth of one son, Victor Power Minier, born May 2, 1892.

Politically, Mr. Minier is a Democrat and has long been active and influential in local party affairs. He served very acceptably as city clerk of Wooster from 1902 to 1903, and is the present able city auditor, having first been elected to this office in 1903 and taking charge of the same on May 1st of that year. He was the first auditor of the city under the new municipal code of Ohio, and made such a commendable record that he was re-elected for the second and third terms, his tenure of office expiring on January 1, 1912.

Mr. Minier's record as city auditor of Wooster is one of which his constituents and friends should be justly proud. His books have received the highest commendation from the state bureau of public accounting, and the official reports made by the state examiners during his terms of office show that he has ever performed his duty well and faithfully. One state examiner in his official report says: "The books of City Auditor Minier were found in their usual neat and faultless condition, and that very efficient officer de-

serves pronounced commendation, not only for the careful and painstaking work which is clearly in evidence in his department, but also for the excellent judgment and comprehension shown in making intricate classifications, and in conducting the affairs of the office in strict conformity with the requirements of the bureau." As Wooster's pioneer auditor he had the very responsible and difficult task of installing the new and very intricate system of bookkeeping, accounting and reporting prescribed by the state. Having been educated in the legal profession, a careful student of modern office methods and accounting, with many years of practical experience therein, he has brought the auditing department of the city up to a high standard of correctness and efficiency unexcelled in the state. This fact has been repeatedly emphasized in the published unbiased official reports made by the state examiners, one of which was quoted above, and is just cause for congratulation and pride on the part of every citizen of Wooster, irrespective of party alignment.

In reference to the many responsible duties of the auditor, requiring legal knowledge, experience, skill and close acquaintance with the statutes, it is very important to note that he is required to prepare and issue all the bonds of the city, any flaw or error in which is liable to result in additional expense, delays and costly litigation. In the many bond issues prepared by Auditor Minier, representing thousands of dollars, not one error or irregularity has ever been discovered, although the bonds are frequently inspected, and passed upon by the most exacting bond attorneys in the United States.

Mr. Minier was elected to his third term in November, 1909, by an overwhelming majority, his plurality being two hundred and seventy-nine. At this time a Republican mayor was elected by a majority of one hundred and seventy-two votes. This is certainly evidence of Mr. Minier's popularity and of the confidence the public reposes in him. He is evidently the right man in the right place.

Mr. Minier is a consistent member of St. James Episcopal church at Wooster, having been vestryman and clerk of the parish for a period of twenty-four years, and was senior warden and lay reader for many years. Mrs. Minier, as choir director of this church, organized the excellent vested boy choir, which she conducted for many years with great success.

The subject is also active, influential and widely known in fraternal circles. A past worshipful master of Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wooster; past high priest, Wooster Chapter, No. 27, Royal Arch Masons; past eminent commander, Wooster Commandery, No.

(Masonic); held the office of orator of Emeth Grand Lodge of Perfection; is also a member of Mystic Grand Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and Brenton Chapter, Rose Croix, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, Valley of Canton, Ohio, and prominent in the degree work of these bodies. A past regent of Wayne Council No. 13, Royal Arcanum; past sachem of Uncas Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; past master workman, Ancient Order United Workmen, of Wooster, is also a member of the grand bodies of these orders, and a member of the City Auditors' Association of Ohio. During the more than twenty-five years of his residence in Wooster he has been held in the highest esteem as a clean, intelligent, cultured, honorable gentleman, and a good citizen in every sense of the term.

LOUIS K. FRANKS.

The Franks family is one of the best known in Wayne county, members of which have been prominent in private and public life since the pioneer days, and the present representatives of the honored name are seeking to bear aloft the high standard of excellence maintained by their forbears, being active in the affairs of the general public and never shrinking from their duties as citizens.

L. K. Franks was born in Chippewa township, Wayne county, November 29, 1854, the son of Abram Franks, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he lived until he was twenty-eight years of age, then moved to Wayne county, Ohio, where he was married in 1848 to Amanda Franks, daughter of Abram Franks, Sr., a second cousin. Abram Franks, father of L. K. Franks, was educated in the common schools and followed teaching for a time. He was also engaged in the mercantile business at New Geneva, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, before coming to Ohio. Soon after coming to Wayne county he opened a store at Doylestown, where he remained for some time, then went to New York City and engaged in the wholesale business. He was successful as a merchant. But turning his attention to politics, in 1848, soon after his marriage, he was elected to the state Legislature on the Democratic ticket, and so faithfully did he serve his constituents that he was re-elected the following term. After his time in that office expired he turned his attention to farming, which he followed for a period of ten years, then moved to Doylestown and engaged in merchandising for sixteen or seventeen years, then retired, having made a great success of the same.

On December 3, 1887, Mrs. Franks died, at the age of fifty-eight years. She was the mother of the following children: Jennie, wife of Rev. J. W. Law, of Richland county, Ohio; L. K., of this review.

The father of these children was for many years justice of the peace in Doylestown. He was a very versatile writer and contributed many interesting and entertaining articles to the papers of his day. He was a man of unusual force of character and his ability was recognized by all who knew him. His death occurred in January, 1891.

L. K. Franks was educated in the public schools of Doylestown. Early in life he took up the mercantile business; for three years he was junior partner in the firm of Charles McCormick & Company, of Doylestown. August 1, 1883, he was married to Linda V. Wharton, daughter of James and Nancy (Williams) Wharton, a prominent family of Ashland county. To this union three children have been born, Metta L., Kent W. and Carrie L.

Mr. Franks has been in the mercantile business nearly all his life, following in the footsteps of his honored father, and he has been scarcely less successful than the elder Franks. He is also largely interested in agricultural pursuits in Chippewa township. He is a member of the firm of Franks & Cleckner, engaged in the lumber and saw-mill business, and with Dr. A. E. Stepfield he is interested in a fruit farm of seven hundred apple trees in Chippewa township, one of the valuable farms of its kind in this part of the state. In all these varied and extensive interests he is having great success owing to his splendid management and natural business ability, always paying close attention to details and being able to foresee the future outcome of present transactions.

Mr. Franks is justly proud of his family history and likes to tell of his ancestors, the Franks family being of mixed German and French blood, the earliest members of which came to America long before the Revolutionary war. Michael Franks, grandfather of L. K., died in Pennsylvania. He was the father of sixteen children. L. K. Franks' maternal grandfather, Henry Franks, took part in the war of 1812, was captured by the Indians at Sandusky, Ohio, and compelled to run the gantlet, but fortunately escaped. From such hardy ancestry it is no wonder that the subject is a man of action and force of character.

In politics Mr. Franks is a Democrat and has always been prominent in public affairs. He has been rewarded for his valuable services to his party by being elected township clerk, township treasurer and deputy county treasurer, in all of which he very faithfully represented his constituents. He

and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Franks is a public-spirited man, always interested in whatever tends to promote the general good, and he is known to be a man of the highest integrity of purpose.

NATHAN R. ZIMMERMAN.

One of the leading business men of Doylestown and the northeastern part of Wayne county, Ohio, is Nathan R. Zimmerman, who throughout his career has maintained the most creditable standards of personal and business integrity, and, without putting forth any effort to achieve popularity, he has done so in a local way by the manner in which he transacts the everyday affairs of a busy man. He is a native of Chippewa township, having been born near Marshallville, June 15, 1857, the son of Ezekiel and Rachel A. (McClelland) Zimmerman, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Dalton, Ohio. The paternal grandparents of Nathan R. Zimmerman were Nathan and Anna (Morton) Zimmerman, the former spending his life and dying in Pennsylvania, and the latter came with her son, Ezekiel, aged eight, and settled near Marshallville. There Ezekiel grew up and followed farming. He was first married to Anna Holliwell and the following children were born to them: Levi, living near Perrysville, Ohio; Elizabeth, Eunice and Ann, all three deceased. Ezekiel Zimmerman was twice married, his second wife being Rachel A. McClelland, and the following children were born to this union: Sarah; Ezekiel, living near Marshallville, this county; Nathan R., subject of this review; John; Delila and Kasiah both deceased; other children died in infancy. The maternal grandparents of Nathan R. Zimmerman were Samuel and Mary (Likins) McClelland. They came to this county from Pennsylvania and were pioneers near Dalton, Sugar Creek township. The parents of Samuel McClelland were Samuel Emanuel and Ellen (Crooks) McClelland.

Nathan R. Zimmerman was educated in the public schools of Chippewa township and at the Mansfield Normal College, receiving an excellent education. He then followed farming for a time and later attended the LaPorte Horological School at LaPorte, Indiana, and was graduated from the same

in May, 1903. He then came to Doylestown, Wayne county, Ohio, and has since that time devoted his attention to the jewelry business, having built up an extensive patronage and becoming known as one of the most skillful workmen in this part of the county, being a good judge of all materials and having been well trained. He is also a conscientious workman, and work and goods that he recommends to his customers can be relied upon explicitly, according to the statement of many of his patrons. He has been very successful since locating here, and among his interests he is a director of the Doylestown Banking Company, a director in the Ohio Comb and Novelty Company, of Doylestown, and much of the large success of these enterprises is due to his judicious counsel.

Mr. Zimmerman was married on December 26, 1889, to Marinda Wagner, daughter of David and Nancy M. (Little) Wagner, the former born near Canal Fulton, Ohio, and the latter born near Marshallville, Wayne county, this state. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Zimmerman were Frederick and Mary (Saylic) Wagner, both natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. They came to Ohio in an early day and entered land near Canal Fulton. They cleared a tract of land and made their home here, developing a good farm. The parents of Frederick Wagner were John and Mary Jane (Gilcrist) Wagner, both of whom spent their lives and died in Pennsylvania. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Zimmerman were Thomas and Jane (McClelland) Little, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, and entered land near Orrville in an early day. Here they cleared timbered land and soon had a good home. The parents of Thomas Little were Thomas and Jane Little. Great-great-grandfather Little was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, during which he was captured by the Indians and burned. William McClelland, uncle of Nathan R. Zimmerman, was a soldier in the Civil war.

Mr. Zimmerman is a man of exemplary character and excellent business ability, and he is interested in whatever tends to promote the interests of his community. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

JOHN W. ZIMMERMAN.

The well-known and progressive business man whose life history is briefly outlined in the following paragraphs is a worthy descendant of hardy pioneer stock that figured prominently in the affairs of Wayne county for

many years, and an analyzation of the character of John W. Zimmerman would indicate that many of the praiseworthy traits of the older members of this family have descended to him. He was born at Marshallville, Chippewa township, this county, March 25, 1864, the son of Ezekiel and Rachel (McClelland) Zimmerman, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter born near Dalton, Ohio. The paternal grandparents of John W. Zimmerman were of German descent, and his maternal grandfather, Nathan McClelland, was of Scotch descent. Ezekiel Zimmerman came from Pennsylvania with his mother, his father having died in that state when the son was eight years old. The mother and son settled near Marshallville, and there Ezekiel grew to manhood, attended the common schools and devoted his life to farming, becoming one of the prosperous agriculturists of that vicinity, finally by thrift and good management accumulating three hundred acres of land. He made the name Zimmerman popular in the vicinity of Marshallville, just as his mother's people had become popular in the vicinity of Dalton, where they located in a very early day. Ezekiel Zimmerman was the father of six children, John W., of this review, being the youngest in order of birth.

John W. Zimmerman was educated in the district schools of Chippewa township, working on the home place during the summer months. His father dying when he was young, the management of the place fell to him and he proved to be equal to the task in every respect. In connection with farming he also followed lumbering for a period of twelve years, making a success of this venture also, and laying by quite a competency. At the end of the period indicated, Mr. Zimmerman bought out the Huffman hardware store at Doylestown, where he has since carried on a general hardware business, building up an extensive trade with the surrounding country and becoming known as one of the leading dealers in this line in Wayne county. He also has other extensive interests, among which is that of the Ohio Comb and Novelty Company, of which he is president, and much of its success is due to his counsel and judicious management. This firm is located at Doylestown. He is vice-president and acting president of the Doylestown Banking Company, and he also owned one-half interest in a planing mill at Apple Creek, Ohio, the firm operating the same being known as Baughman & Zimmerman, but he has recently sold his interests there. He carries to successful issue whatever he turns his attention to, for he has pronounced executive ability and innate business principles that never fail to properly direct and control large interests when properly directed.

In 1888 Mr. Zimmerman was married to Emma Anderson, daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Walters) Anderson, a highly honored and influential family of this county, having been pioneers here. To Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman the following children have been born: Ray Earl, who was educated at Doylestown and at Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, taking the honors of his class and being graduated in 1909; he is now very ably acting as general superintendent of the Ohio Comb and Novelty Company. The other children are Iva May, Harry Wayne, Merl, Opal, all students of the local schools except the two youngest.

Mr. Zimmerman is a Republican in politics, and he attends the Methodist Episcopal church. The home life of Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman is peaceable and happy, the children they have reared being a constant and unfailing source of satisfaction to them.

REV. THOMAS JEFFERSON DAGUE, A. M., D. D.

The subject of this sketch, like most genuine Americans, is of mixed origin, being on the paternal side of Dutch and English and on the maternal, Scotch and Irish ancestry. From the best information attainable, early in the eighteenth century one Frederick Deg left Holland with his wife and one child for America. The child, it is said, died during the voyage and was buried at sea, and in the meantime another was born, to whom was given the name Matthias, and to him all the Dague families in this country trace their origin. They came from the sturdy peasant stock, and religiously belonged to that branch of the Protestant faith known as German Baptist Brethren, or "Tunkers." As the family became Americanized, the orthography of the name was gradually changed to conform to the Dutch pronunciation, first to Dage, for one or two generations, and later, within the memory of those now living, to its present form.

Michael, Gabriel and Michael D., the great-grandfather, grandfather and father of the subject of this sketch, were all natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where the family first settled in this country. Whether the first Michael ever came to Ohio or not is uncertain, but the tomb of his wife is to be seen in the old burying-ground in Milton township, this county. Gabriel Dage, with his wife and two or three of the older of his ten children, removed to Ohio in the early part of the nineteenth century and settled in Milton township, Wayne county. His wife, to whom he was married about



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1815, was Rachael Howe, said to have been a near relative to Sir William Howe, the old Tory general of the Revolution. At any rate, she is recalled by persons still living as a lady of greatly refined manners, with distinct aristocratic proclivities, and a strong, old-fashioned, blue-stockings Presbyterian. Her husband was a man of much ability and great force of character and was prominent in the affairs of the pioneer community. He was a farmer by occupation, a director in one of the first banks established in this region, that at Massillon, and a pioneer teacher in the Wayne county public schools. A few old men still living delight to tell that at his feet they were taught the A B C's of learning. The old brick house erected by him on his farm in Milton township seventy-seven years ago is still occupied as a dwelling and bears his name and the date of its erection on a stone slab in the gable. He died near Wadsworth, Ohio, at the advanced age of more than eighty years. His wife followed him a few years later, having attained about the same age. In politics he was at first a Whig, afterwards a strong Jeffersonian Democrat.

His second son, Michael D. Dague, father of the subject of this sketch, came as a lad with his parents to Ohio and grew up with the pioneers on the Milton farm. The greater portion of his life was that of a quiet farmer. Though a man of intelligence, excellent judgment and great energy of character, he never sought or accepted any office of public trust or emolument. By industry and frugality, he amassed considerable property, being the owner at his death of about two hundred and fifty acres of land, besides considerable town property. His later years were given to mercantile pursuits until advancing age demanded his retirement. For about forty years he held the office of a ruling elder in the Doylestown Presbyterian church. He died at his home in Doylestown, Ohio, in June, 1903, at the age of eighty-five years. Of the ten children of the generation to which he belonged, one, his oldest brother, Archibald Dague, still lives at Western Star, Ohio, hale and hearty, at the age of ninety-four years.

The maternal ancestors of Doctor Dague, Thomas McElhenie and Margaret (Eaken) McElhenie, his wife, were of Scotch and Irish descent, Thomas furnishing the Scotch and Margaret the Irish element. They came to Wayne county, Ohio, from Center county, Pennsylvania, about the same time with the Dague family, and settled in the adjoining township of Chippewa. Mr. McElhenie was a man of sterling character and of more than ordinary influence in the community. For some years he followed farming, and also kept a tavern at the cross-roads near where the village of Easton now stands. Later he opened a store in Easton which he conducted successfully for many years.

until forced into retirement by advancing age. He was for many years a justice of the peace, both in Pennsylvania, and also after his removal to Ohio, dispensing law and justice with rigorous impartiality. He was a great lover of books, and his library of two dozen or more choice volumes was the wonder and admiration of the pioneers, whose stock of reading matter in many cases was confined to a Bible, a hymn book and an almanac.

The second daughter, Elisabeth King, became through her marriage to Michael D. Dague, May 12, 1840, the mother of the subject of this sketch, he being their second son. She was a native of Pennsylvania and about two years the junior of her husband. She was a woman of excellent sense and spirit of refined manners and managed well the affairs of her household. The fruit of this union was five sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to maturity and became settled in life. The parents lived to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary May 12, 1890, at which an unbroken family circle was present, and a large number of grandchildren and invited guests also participated. Mrs. Dague died in June, 1898, at the age of seventy-nine. Her husband followed her five years later, in June, 1893, aged about eighty-five years.

Rev. Dr. Dague was born on what is now known as the Samuel Collier farm near Doylestown, Ohio, December 1, 1843. His primary education was begun in "the little red school house" near Wadsworth, Ohio, whither his parents removed about two years after his birth. Later his father purchased a farm in Summit county, near Western Star, where he had the advantages of the old Western Star Academy for a few terms during the winter months. Here he laid the foundation for his future career in the acquisition of that love of books and the passion for a literary life that has ever since been the leading feature of his character. Though it was necessary that a large part of the year should be spent in the severe drudgery of farm work, being a diligent and faithful student, he made the most of his meagre opportunities. He was a constant reader of the best books at his command, and in the winter of 1861-2 began teaching in the public schools.

Then came the Civil war. Inspired by the spirit of patriotism that was then prevalent, he enlisted as a private soldier in Company G, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went with the regiment to its rendezvous at Camp Mansfield. Here he was stricken with typhoid fever, complicated with pneumonia, and was sent home on sick furlough, where for twelve long weeks he lay hovering between life and death. The convalescence was slow, but after eight months of weary waiting he finally rejoined the regiment, then lying at Big Black River Bridge, on July 3, 1863,

the day preceding the surrender of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was immediately assigned to duty and served until finally mustered out at the expiration of his term of service, October 16, 1865. During this time of service he participated in several engagements, the most important being the siege of Jackson, Mississippi, July 10-17, 1863, where the regiment was almost constantly under fire; the "City Belle" disaster, near Snaggy Point on the Red river, where he was one of the few to escape by scaling the river bank under the murderous fire of the enemy; and the siege and capture of Fort Blakely, the last great battle of the war. In this engagement he was one of the first, if not the first of the regiment, to scale the parapet, where he also captured a Confederate flag and carried it with him inside the fort, but which was almost immediately wrested from him by an officer wearing the insignia of a captain, who afterward claimed and reported the capture as made by himself.

Greatly disliking the lazy, lounging monotony of camp life, he was often at such times, at his own request, detailed for special duty. In this way he served upon several occasions as assistant in the commissary department, as helper in the United States Christian Commission, as clerk at headquarters, etc. After the surrender, he was detailed as a clerk, first at brigade headquarters, and was afterward transferred to post headquarters at Houston, Texas, where he became chief clerk and private secretary to the commanding officer, so that practically all the business of the office passed through his hands, though at that time less than twenty-two years of age. This position he retained until finally mustered out of the service. After a year spent in the South, in teaching and some attempts at business, failing health obliged him to return to Ohio. Here he resumed his occupation of teaching, first, in the public schools, and later as principal of the Doylestown Academy, an institution which, like so many of its kind, has since passed into oblivion. This was a stepping-stone to the realization of his continued ambition for an education and a literary life, for during all these years this longing ever grew stronger and deeper, and during all the marches, encampments, discomforts, dangers and excitements of a soldier's life there was always found a place in his knapsack for one or more of his favorite books, to be perused often by the light of the camp fire, while most of his comrades were "swapping yarns" or engaged at cards. In the autumn of 1868, having closed his relations with the Doylestown Academy, he entered Miami University, where, after five years of faithful and diligent work, he was graduated as a Bachelor and Master of Arts, having in addition to the regular classical course pursued post-graduate studies in ancient and modern languages, philosophy, English literature, higher mathematics and civil engineering, making thus a most extraordinary record

for scholarship. During this time he was also engaged in much benevolent and missionary work, carried on by the college Young Men's Christian Association, of which he was a most zealous and active member. As a matter of partial support, he found employment for hours not devoted to study and recitations in the office of the *Oxford Citizen*, thus incidentally learning the practical work of the printer's trade. He was also one of the editors of the *Miami Student*.

After an engagement of more than four years, and from a mutual desire that she should be present to witness his triumph at graduation, during the winter vacation preceding that event, December 26, 1872, he was married to a lovely and highly accomplished young lady, Josephine M. Reid, daughter of the late Andrew Reid, of noble Scotch ancestry and a wealthy planter of Rockbridge county, Virginia. His wife also, Sarah (Kelsøe) Reid, was of equally prominent Scotch origin, being a lineal descendant of the stern but pious old non-conformist, Rev. James Rutherford, known in history as the pastor of the parish of Anworth, so that in both families is represented the best blood of Scotland. This marriage has been exceedingly fortunate and happy. Like Jane Carlyle, Mrs. Dague has been in every sense a true, loyal and faithful helpmeet for her husband as a teacher, a minister of the gospel and a man of letters. She is also an artist of no mean ability, her work in that line being much admired and praised.

Immediately upon graduation, Doctor Dague was elected principal of the old Salem Academy, at South Salem, Ohio, where he remained three and one-half years, during which time the institution was greatly prospered. Having resigned this charge, he at once projected a private institution known as Dague's Collegiate Institute, which was opened in Chillicothe, Ohio, in January, 1877, with about thirty students. For three years the institution grew and prospered until the accommodations were no longer adequate, when the institute was removed to Wadsworth, Ohio, the grounds and buildings of the Wadsworth College having been purchased for its use. Here it was continued for four more years, when grounds, buildings and good will were sold to a stock company, and its principal turned his attention to the work of the gospel ministry, his original purpose in seeking an education.

With this end in view, he had been licensed as a probationer by the Cleveland presbytery in the spring of 1881, and in September of the same year was, by the same presbytery, duly ordained to the sacred office. His first regular work in this line was as minister at Lafayette church at Lake Chippewa for two years, while still discharging his duties as principal. In 1883 he accepted an unanimous call from the united congregations of Caldwell and Sharon.

Ohio, where he held a very prosperous pastorate for five and one-half years. Other charges following were Delphos and Middlepoint, two years, during which time he gathered and organized churches at Scott, Rushmere and Venedocia; Paulding, Ohio, two years; Milton Center, Ohio, five years, including outlying work at Deshler, Cecil, Haskins, Rudolph, and other points, strengthening weak churches or gathering and organizing new ones. In 1896, overwork and failing health obliged him to take a rest. A trip to the South and to the Atlantic coast was taken, during which time he preached constantly in the Southern churches of Williamsburg and North River, and two years of irregular work in vacant churches followed, when he received a unanimous call to his old home church at Doylestown, Ohio, where he served as pastor for the following seven years. In the year 1897, he was a commissioner to the general assembly at Winona, Indiana. Since resigning his charge at Doylestown he is residing in his own beautiful home known as "The Maples," a small fruit farm within the corporate limits of that village. The home is an ideal one of delightfully shaded grounds, adorned with pots of beautiful shrubbery and flowers, where the wild song-birds delight to gather and fill the air with their delightful music. Here, with his wife and an adopted daughter, who constitute his household, he lives in the congenial companionship of his books, pursuing his favorite studies and ministering to the spiritual needs of his old parishioners and others as opportunity offers. Doctor Dague's attainments in scholarship are far beyond those of most men in his profession. His diligence in study, his long career as a teacher, and his thirty years' work in the ministry have developed his powers beyond the average. He is able to read and interpret the Scriptures in seven different languages and dialects, is more or less familiar with the Latin, Greek, German, French and English classics; has a wide acquaintance with the history and themes of philosophic thought; is familiar with the works of all the great thinkers from Plato and Aristotle to the latest of the modern philosophers of note; and keeps himself well informed as to the current developments in science and literature. For the past fifty years he has been a frequent contributor to the general press, though he has published no books, and from a sense of modesty has published most of his writings over a *nom de plume*. He has written articles on current topics of public interest, besides poetry, hymns, popular songs, set to music, and articles on general literature and for the religious press. Many of these have been widely copied and favorably commented on. The history of civilization, embracing philosophy, comparative religion and general literature, are his favorite studies. At present he is engaged in preparing a commentary on the life of Christ on a new

and original plan, and largely from a psychological and philosophical standpoint. He is a pleasant and interesting speaker and is in frequent demand for lectures and addresses upon various public occasions. He has also patented some useful inventions. Ecclesiastically, he is a Presbyterian, and soundly orthodox on all the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, though tolerant of all creeds and charitable to all. In politics he is independent, though usually voting with the Prohibitionists. In 1882 he was a delegate to the state prohibition convention at Columbus, and was once solicited to become a candidate for governor on that ticket, but declined.

Doctor Dague loves the retired and quiet life of a student. He has little sympathy with or interest in the wild rush for money-making that characterizes the present age. In his library, well stocked with the best books along the line of his favorite studies, or sitting under the maples, enjoying their companionship or that of living literary friends, who often come to visit at his home, with his desk and cases well filled with autograph manuscripts, the results of many pleasant hours of meditative thought, or in pleasant conversation with the dear ones of his own delightful household, he is content to let the rushing world surge by in its mad rush after the perishable riches whilst he is accumulating and enjoying the true wealth that can never perish, a mind well cultured and stored with knowledge, a clean conscience, a happy home. At peace with God and man, honored and respected at home and abroad, he may well look forward to a happy ending of a busy and useful life.

FOREST MOUGEY.

With few opportunities except what his own efforts were capable of mastering, and with many discouragements to overcome, Forest Mougey, one of the leading citizens of the younger generation in Milton township, Wayne county, has made an exceptional success in life and is living up to the high standard of citizenship set by his ancestors. He was born on the Mougey homestead, where his father, Peter Mougey, still lives in Milton township, southeast of Creston, March 23, 1874. His father, Peter Mougey, was born September 3, 1843, on the same farm he now occupies. His father, Xavier Mougey, came from France about the year 1830 and took up the homestead and this has remained in the family every since. Grandmother Katherine Eicher was here when Xavier Mougey came, and they were married in New

York and came to Wayne county. The county was wild and they had to make their own roads. Mrs. Mougey, mother of the subject, bore the maiden name of Mary Stoll. She was born in France and came to America when four years old with her mother, her father having died in France before she came over. There were seven girls and two boys in the family.

Forest Mougey was educated in the home schools and he remained on his father's farm until he married, when he began the pump and well business, making his home in Sterling, with the exception of a few months spent in Rittman. He was married in March, 1902, to Mertie Fetzner, daughter of Peter and Katherine (Phillips) Fetzner; the former was born on the Fetzner homestead in Canaan township. Katherine Phillips was born in Pennsylvania. Both the Fetzner and Phillips families came to Canaan township in pioneer days. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Mougey was Barnhart Fetzner, who came to this county as early as 1828 and settled in Canaan township on the land where Charles Sell now lives. This place was at that time all covered with timber, but the old pioneer was a hard worker and cleared up the land and made a good farm of it.

Mr. Mougey has made a success of his life work and is comfortably fixed in reference to this world's affairs, having a modern and nicely furnished home, and is carrying on his present line of work with a rare soundness of judgment and foresight.

One bright and interesting child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mougey, named E. Jay, whose date of birth was December 31, 1902.

In politics Mr. Mougey is a Democrat, and while he is usually too deeply engrossed in his business affairs to take much interest in local political affairs, his support may always be depended upon in furthering any movements looking toward the good of his community. He is known to be strictly honest in his dealings with his fellow men.

BENJAMIN F. KEPLER.

In giving the life record of the gentleman whose name initiates this sketch sufficient will be said to show that he is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of Wayne county, being one of the skillful agriculturists of Chippewa township, being, as the name implies, a descendant of sterling German ancestry. He was born on July 4, 1852, in Stark county, Ohio, the son of John and Nancy (Jackson) Kepler, the former a native of Germany and the

latter born in England. The paternal grandparents of the subject lived and died in Germany, and the maternal grandparents lived and died in England. John Kepler, father of Benjamin F., was educated in Germany, having been born in the Fatherland about 1798. About 1818 he came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania and married there. He operated a woolen mill. Later he moved to Stark county, Ohio, and bought a small farm, later rented a place on which he died. He was the father of nine children, namely: Elizabeth, Henry, James, Adam; Lydia, now Mrs. Eckrote, of LaVara, Ohio; Jemima, now Mrs. Jasper Krise, of Dundee, this state; Benjamin F., of this review.

Henry Kepler was a soldier in the Union army, having enlisted in the One Hundred and Second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the great battle of Gettysburg. James and Adam Kepler served in the One Hundred and Nineteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry from 1862 to 1865.

Benjamin F. Kepler, of this review, attended the common schools of Stark county, Ohio, until he was sixteen years of age. For a short time he worked on the home place when he became of proper age. When still a young man he came to Chippewa township, Wayne county, and began working as a butcher, following this successfully for five years, being in the employ of a Mr. Stootmiller. He then married and was employed in connection with the Silver creek mine for eleven years. He saved his money and purchased eighty-seven acres of land in Chippewa township where he now lives and on which he conducts general farming interests in a manner that makes him a very comfortable living. His place is in good condition in every way and he has a good home and keeps some livestock and plenty of poultry.

Mr. Kepler was married on February 25, 1875, to Louisa Simmons, daughter of Michael and Mary (Houseman) Simmons. Mr. Simmons was a native of Germany and attended the schools of his native land, studying also in English after coming to America. At the age of seventeen years he accompanied his parents on their immigration to this county, locating at Canal Fulton, Ohio. Besides being a good farmer, he was also an expert carpenter. He lived in Stark county a number of years, and in that county his daughter Louisa (Mrs. Kepler) was born. Mrs. Simmons was a native of Pennsylvania, having come from that state to Wayne county, Ohio, settling in Chippewa township in an early day, where they cleared a farm and had a good home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Kepler the following children were born: Laura, Charles, William, all three dying in infancy; Gertrude is the wife of Charles Coffman; Maude is the wife of Nicholas Writer; Grace died when

about three years of age; Mary is also deceased; Lydia is the wife of Augustus Zuehrsmidt; Ila, Bernice, Melvin and Harry are all living at home.

Mr. Kepler and his family are members of the Lutheran church at Doylestown. Mr. Kepler is a Democrat, and he ably served as school director and clerk of the school board for eight or ten years.

HARVEY PORTER.

It is a pleasant thing to see old age and happiness go hand in hand adown the last lapse of the road of earthly life. This is as it should be, but for numerous reasons it is seldom seen. For happiness is the true end and aim of life, and it is the task of intelligence to ascertain the conditions of happiness, and when found the truly wise will live in accordance with them. By happiness is meant not simply the joy of eating and drinking,—the gratification of the appetite,—but good, well being, in the highest and noblest forms. The joy that springs from obligation discharged, from duty done, from generous acts, from being true to the ideal, from a perception of the beautiful in nature, art and conduct, the happiness that follows the gratification of the highest wants; the happiness that is the result of all that is really right and sane.

Happiness seems to have been a dominant factor in the long, useful and interesting life of Harvey Porter, for many decades a well known resident of Wayne county and who is now ninety years old, for he is serene and cheerful and has ever sought to give pleasure to others. A study of his life cannot help but be beneficial. This venerable and highly honored patriarch was born in New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, November 9, 1820. He received scarcely any advantages of schooling in the pioneer days of his boyhood, and when a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade and worked at that, as also as a carriagemaker. He came to Wayne county when quite young and followed his trade in Fredericksburg, where he lived for many years and was regarded as a very skilled workman.

At the breaking out of the Civil war Mr. Porter enlisted in the One Hundred and Second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Wooster, and he served with much credit until the close of the war. He returned to Fredericksburg after the war and resumed his vocation and was quite successful. He lived there until his wife died and then moved to Shreve, this county, where he lived alone.

On June 16, 1845, Mr. Porter was married in New Philadelphia, Ohio, to Catherine Disecker, of that place, and by this union five children were born, namely: Mary Adaline, deceased; William S. lives at Big Prairie, Ohio; Priscilla E., deceased; John Newton, deceased; David, deceased. On May 13, 1884, the mother of these children passed to her rest and was buried at Fredericksburg, this county. Mr. Porter has ten grandchildren living, one of whom is the wife of F. E. Schauff, a conductor employed on the Pittsburg, Fort Worth & Chicago Railroad. He is a young man of sterling qualities and one who is very highly respected. An evidence of his ability and faithfulness is seen from the fact that he has been in the employ of the same road for a period of sixteen years. He and his wife are popular with a wide circle of friends and they have a nice home over which Mrs. Schauff presides with grace, and she makes all who cross their threshold feel welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Schauff were married February 22, 1900. She is the daughter of Edgar and Mary A. (Porter) Welch. Mr. Schauff was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1874, and he came to Wooster, Ohio, when five years of age and has lived in this city ever since. He was reared in the Catholic faith. Politically he is a Democrat and fraternally a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Order of Railway Conductors. Mr. and Mrs. Schauff have two bright children, Frances Mary, born February 5, 1901, is attending school at Wooster, and William, who was born December 25, 1906.

Mrs. Schauff is fond of her aged grandfather and is responsible for this tribute to him. He is a bright old gentleman, still in possession of his faculties and is an interesting talker on the pioneer days. At present he is making his home at Pana, Illinois, where his brother and sister resides. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and he votes the Republican ticket. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

PETER MOUGEY.

An excellent representative of the progressive agricultural class of citizens of Wayne county is Peter Mougey, who came from an ancestry that figured prominently in the affairs of this country in pioneer times, when the country was covered with an almost interminable forest of native trees, filled with wild animals, and wilder men. His people came here from far



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across the broad Atlantic and began to carve homes from the primeval forests, build schools and churches and introduce the customs of civilization in the wilderness. They were willing to take the hardships that they might acquire the soil, and the home that was sure to rise. Francis and Fannie (Barrett) Mougey, grandparents of Peter Mougey, were natives of France. Coming to America in an early day, they located in Wayne county, Ohio, bringing their son, Xavier, father of Peter, of this review. After remaining here for some time, the family moved to Shelby county, Ohio, and there Francis Mougey took up farming, living there until his wife died, after which event he moved to southern Indiana and there spent the remainder of his days.

The maternal grandparents of Peter Mougey were Joseph Eichert and wife, natives of Alsace-Lorraine, formerly a part of France, but now a part of Germany. This family, in which there were several sons, came to America prior to the advent of the Mougeys here, and they, too, came to Wayne county, Ohio, locating in Baughman township. Entering land from the government, they cleared the same and developed a good farm, on which they lived and died. Christian and Jacob Eichert, sons of Joseph Eichert, assisted in opening the canal at Fulton.

Peter Mougey's parents were born in France, the father in 1811, and the mother, who was known in her maidenhood as Katherine Micher, was born in 1805. The former came to America alone, but the latter was accompanied by his parents. They met in that country and were married there. Xavier Mougey worked in New York for several years, finally moving with his wife to Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio, and bought a farm of eighty-five acres; later he purchased the farm belonging to Mrs. Mougey's sister, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. This he cleared and improved and here reared his family of five children, of which number four are living at this writing, namely: Fannie, Katherine, Peter (of this review) and Jacob, of Wooster. Xavier Mougey took considerable interest in the affairs of the Democratic party, and he served as township supervisor, and also school director and other local offices. He was a member of the Catholic church and his wife adhered to the Mennonite faith. Mr. Mougey lived to a ripe old age, dying in 1903, after an honorable and highly successful life. His wife preceded him to the silent land by many years, dying on March 11, 1869.

Peter Mougey, whose name introduces this review, was born in Milton township, Wayne county, on the farm which he now owns, September 3, 1842. He received a fairly good education in the district schools, and

worked on the home place, which he purchased from his father in 1866, and he has since managed the same with marked success. He remodeled the house and erected good barns and he has done considerable tiling and ditching, until he has one of the leading farms of the township. He has carried on general farming and stock raising in a manner that places him well abreast of the times in both. For the past five years he has rented his place to Ernest McConnell, his son-in-law, and is now living practically retired, surrounded by plenty as the fruits of his earlier years of toil and good management.

In politics Mr. Mougey is a Democrat, and he has very ably served his community as school director and has been trustee of his township many times. In 1879 he was elected county commissioner and served one term; he did not make a second effort to secure this office, preferring to give his attention exclusively to his farm.

Mr. Mougey was married September 18, 1866, to Mary Stoll, a native of France and the daughter of Jacob and Anna Stoll; the father died in France and his widow and six children came to America and located in Baughman township, Wayne county, Ohio, where the mother died. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mougey, namely: Malinda, Webster, Ellen, Forest, Irene, Belle, Jessire, Catherine and Pearl; the last two named are still living at home with their parents. No family in this part of the county is better known or more highly esteemed than the Mougeys.

WILLIAM RALPH BARNHART, JR.

The paving brick business in Wooster, in which William Ralph Barnhart, Jr., is interested, was established about twenty years ago and purchased by the gentleman of which this sketch is written, in 1906, he being the sole proprietor. This is the only business of this nature in Wayne county, and the demand for this product has rapidly increased. The capacity of this plant is seventy-five thousand paving brick per day.

Mr. Barnhart was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1877, and is the son of William R. and Catherine (Shup) Barnhart, natives of Greensburg and Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania. The father is a farmer and banker of Greensburg, this state, and has long been a man of influence there.

Mr. Barnhart was educated in the public schools of his native town and at Mercersburg College, from which institution he was graduated in 1899.

He at once entered a business career and was cashier of the Pleasant Unity National Bank at Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania, and assistant treasurer of the Merchants Trust Company at Greensburg. He came to Wooster, Ohio, in 1905 and has continued in business here to the present.

Mr. Barnhart was married on January 21, 1906, to Helen Bryce, daughter of James McDonald Bryce, of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, an old and well established family there. This union has resulted in the birth of one daughter, Emily B. Fraternally, Mr. Barnhart is a Royal Arch Mason.

REV. WILL HERMAN HUBBELL.

This revered advocate of the gospel of the lowly Nazarene is one of the best known men in Wayne county, where he has for many years administered to the people in whatever way he could to better their condition, although he himself would not admit that he had done anything other than his plain duty in a small way toward the amelioration of his fellow men. He is a native of New Plymouth, Ohio, where he was born August 25, 1868, the son of Rev. S. C. and Mary L. (McWilliams) Hubbell, the former a native of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, where he was born July 29, 1830. The Hubbell family were natives of Connecticut. In the old Nutmeg state the first members of this family were prominent for many years. Rev. S. C. Hubbell was a noted minister in the United Presbyterian church. He graduated at Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, in 1862, working his way through college; also attended Allegheny Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated April 3, 1865. He was ordained by the Muskingum presbytery, April 20, 1869. Both he and his wife are living in Wooster, this county, at present, where they are highly honored by all who know them. He was minister for eight years of the church at Scotch Ridge, this state. He and his wife are the parents of two boys and two girls, namely: Rev. W. H., of this review; Addie E., deceased; Hervey H., deceased, was an attorney at Wooster, Ohio; Myrtle A., who is engaged in business at Wooster.

Rev. W. H. Hubbell was educated in the district school, graduating from the Wooster high school in 1886 with a splendid record for scholarship. He attended the University of Wooster for three years, then took up the study of law for two years, but believing that it was his mission to spread the gospel of peace rather than pursue the prosaic and thorny road of jurisprudence, he entered the Allegheny Theological Seminary in 1894, from

which he was graduated in 1897, having made a very commendable record in the same. He was ordained to the ministry the same year, after which he was invited to take charge of the work at Dalton, Wayne county, Ohio, which he did in June, 1897, and has been in charge every since, rendering efficient service and building up the congregation, winning the esteem and admiration of all, for he is an earnest and forceful speaker and a conscientious worker in the cause which he represents. The members of the congregation have doubled, as have also those of the Sunday school—in fact, few United Presbyterian churches in the state are today in better condition in every way, both temporal and spiritual. Rev. Hubbell was honored by being elected moderator of the synod of Ohio in 1905, the highest office of the whole synod. This is sufficient criterion of his worth and standing in the synod. He very capably served in that capacity. In 1908 he was elected stated clerk of the synod of Ohio for a term of four years, a very responsible position in the church. He has also been stated clerk of Mansfield presbytery for a period of thirteen years, and, in fact, is still clerk of the synod and presbytery. He served three years as superintendent of the young people's work in Mansfield presbytery. In 1905 he was elected a member of the board of directors of the Allegheny Theological Seminary, at present holding that position and doing a very commendable work for the cause of education. He has been a delegate to the general assembly four times. He was three times a member of the committee of home missions of this church in the United States. Such exalted positions are not given men of ordinary qualifications, but only to the leaders of men, men of high ideals and all the attributes of a genuine moulder of public opinion.

The Rev. Hubbell was married August 17, 1897, to Jeannette A. Imgard, whose birthplace was Wooster, Ohio. She is a graduate of the Music Conservatory of Wooster, in which institution she made a splendid record. She was born in 1871. To Rev. Hubbell and wife the following children have been born: Wilbert I., born September 22, 1898; Marie J., born October 11, 1901; Kathryn M., born August 17, 1904; Arline L., born May 23, 1908, died April 18, 1909.

Not only in church affairs has the Rev. Hubbell made his influence felt, but also in civic affairs, having been elected mayor of Dalton, this county, in 1907, and is at present holding that office, discharging the duties of the same in an able and conscientious manner, that has stamped him as an exponent of progress and the right. This is an unusual office for an active minister, but the people wanted him, as will be shown when it is learned that he was elected

by a majority of twenty-five, the largest that any candidate ever received for the same office. Useless to say that he is making his influence felt for good through the office and is managing the affairs of the little city in a manner that has won the commendation of all concerned. He is truly a useful man, and whom everybody admires and respects for his genuine worth, his sincerity and his good fellowship.

ABRAM ETLING.

When a man wins his own way from an humble station and discouraging environment to success and an honorable standing in the community, his career is worthy of representation in the history of such a locality. We find in studying the career of Abram Etling, a farmer in Chippewa township, Wayne county, that such were his experiences. His birth occurred on the homestead now occupied by his brother, January 9, 1852, and he is the son of William and Abigail (Myers) Etling. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Katherine Etling, natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, about 1820, among the pioneers of the community where they settled. Mr. Etling did not long survive after coming here, Mrs. Etling living until 1866. The maternal grandparents of the subject were John and Mary Myers, also natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Wayne county, Ohio, about the same time as did the first members of the Etling family.

The maternal grandmother also took up land, two quarter sections in Chippewa township, consequently at one time this family were collectively quite extensive land owners.

William Etling, father of Abram, was born in Pennsylvania on December 3, 1815, and his wife, Abigail Myers, was born December 18, 1822. They came to Ohio with their parents and were here married on June 3, 1841. Mr. Etling engaged in farming, and at the time of his death owned over one hundred and sixty acres in Chippewa township, where he became well known and fairly well to do. His death occurred September 27, 1892, having been preceded to the silent land by his wife only a few months, her death having occurred on January 16, 1892. William Etling was a Democrat and took considerable interest in local affairs, having held the office of trustee several terms. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, two of whom died in infancy, seven living at this writing.

Abram Etling was educated in the common schools of Chippewa township and was reared on the farm, which he worked during the crop season. When the Civil war began Abram's older brother enlisted in the Union army and the subject was compelled to remain at home to work. Quite naturally he took up farming and has followed this line of work ever since, with the exception of three years, when he moved to Barberton and engaged in teaming from 1904. Finally returning to the farm, he still manages the same with success, his place consisting of eighty acres, on which he raises a diversity of excellent crops and keeps some stock, the two lines of endeavor making him a very comfortable living.

Mr. Etling was married March 2, 1875, to Ada McIntyre, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and the daughter of Phillip and Agnes McIntyre, old settlers of this county, who now live in Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Etling were born nine children, namely: William E., Bertus Oliver, Arthur M. (deceased), Bertha Alice, Etta Blanch, Laura K. (deceased), Forest Richard, Florence Arville and Abram Harold.

Mr. Etling is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Reformed church in Marshallville.

ROSS W. FUNCK.

An active and energetic member of the Wayne county bar is Ross W. Funck, who has long occupied a position in the front rank of the legal profession in a community noted for the high order of its talent, and he has so ordered his life as to gain and retain the implicit confidence of his fellow citizens. He was born in Wooster, Ohio, on January 11, 1861, and is the son of Daniel Funck, who is also a native of Wayne county, the latter being the son of John Funck, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1788, of German extraction. He married Maria, daughter of Christian Fox, January 3, 1811. She was a native of the Keystone state, born November 3, 1787. The result of this union were thirteen children. In 1826 John Funck and family settled in Chester township, Wayne county, Ohio, where he was a successful farmer for a quarter of a century. Being a man of deep religious convictions and possessed of a good education, he became a teacher and minister in conjunction with his labors on the farm, and for a period of fifty years consecrated himself to the ministry, doing a very com-

mendable work along this line. In 1849, having attained three score years, he moved to Wooster, where his death occurred April 2, 1862, his widow surviving him until February 22, 1879.

Their son, Daniel Funck, father of the subject, was born July 27, 1829, in a log cabin on his father's farm in Chester township. He helped develop the home place and when a boy attended the old log school house of primitive construction, with puncheon floor and greased paper for window panes, but here he gained the early rudiments of an education. When twenty years of age he determined to set out and meet the "current of the world" for himself, so, in 1849, he went to Ashland, Ohio, and became an apprentice in a carriage manufactory; later he traveled as a journeyman carriagemaker, and in 1853 he made the long, arduous trip to California during the height of the "gold fever." He returned to Wayne county in 1859 and soon afterward purchased a carriage manufactory at Wooster and conducted the same until 1866, when it was destroyed by fire. During the Civil war he was a Union supporter, a private in Company D, Fifty-second Regiment, Ohio National Guard, in which he served until May 1, 1866. In 1868 he established his present insurance business, which he has conducted with remarkable success.

Daniel Funck was married in 1859 to Matilda Imhoff, daughter of William and Susan Imhoff, of Ashland county, Ohio, this family having migrated to this state from Pennsylvania in pioneer days. This union resulted in the birth of six children, namely: Ross W., of this review, being the oldest; Earl B. and Frank are deceased, leaving Alice M., Harriet Lucretia and Chloe Devona, all graduates of the University of Wooster.

Ross W. Funck graduated from the Wooster high school in 1879, and from the University of Wooster in 1883, having made very commendable records in both. Deciding to devote his attention to the legal profession, he began the study of law soon afterward in the office of the late Hon. John McSweeney, and graduated from the Cincinnati Law College in May, 1885. He then opened a law office in the insurance office of his father, Daniel Funck, and he is still engaged in the practice here, having a wide clientele, and his name is constantly before the public in connection with important cases in the local courts. His entire career has been emphasized by persistent industry, close application to business, prudence and promptitude, and has proven himself entirely capable of handling the important affairs intrusted to him. He has been the attorney of the Wayne Building and Loan Company ever since its organization.

In his political affiliations he is a loyal Republican, having served many years on the county executive committee, and for five years as secretary or chairman, and his efforts in the same led to many local victories for the Republicans, for Mr. Funck is an able organizer and knows how to conduct a successful campaign. In 1887 Mr. Funck was elected city solicitor of Wooster by a good plurality, although the city is Democratic, performing the duties of the office in a faithful and acceptable manner. In 1894 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Wayne county and, although a Democratic county, he received more votes than any other candidate on the ticket that year, which is proof enough of his high standing among his fellow citizens. At the Republican primaries of the summer of 1899 he obtained the nomination for probate judge of Wayne county, reduced the majorities of the Democratic ticket one thousand and forty, but failed in the election by only thirty-eight votes.

Mr. Funck was the first president of the Wooster High School Alumni Association, being active in its organization. He has also been president and vice-president of the University of Wooster Alumni Association and served for many years as an active member of its executive committee.

Mr. Funck has been a Mason since 1883 and has been quite active in all the Masonic bodies in Wooster, being a past master of the Masonic lodge, a past high priest of the Chapter Masons and a past eminent commander of Wooster Commandery of Knights Templar. He was also active in other lodges, being a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Wooster, a past regent in the Royal Arcanum and a past officer in the Red Men. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church at Wooster and a liberal supporter of the same, having served for many years as one of its trustees.

Mr. Funck was married in 1893 to Cordelia Coyle, daughter of the late Dr. Charles L. Coyle, of Galion, Ohio. To this union were born four interesting children: Daniel Coyle, Julia Matilda, Estella Alberta and Marjorie Eleanor, all of whom are now pupils in the public schools of Wooster, as Mr. Funck is a great admirer of the public schools of this city.

By his observances of fundamental rules of business, based upon honesty, rectitude and fidelity to trusts and confidences reposed in him, he has won the public esteem, achieved professional success and doubtless greater political honors await him in the years to come. As an attorney, he is courteous and cordial, painstaking and always considerate of the welfare of his clients. He aims to do things at the right time, observing punctuality as a business maxim.

JAMES LANCE.

Among those who braved the wilds of this section of Ohio when the Indians were still here and the wild animals were everyday sights in the dense woods was James Lance, long since passed to his reward, but whose name will continue to adorn the annals of his community for all time, owing to the fact that he performed well his part in the drama of civilization and led a life that was exemplary in every respect, setting an excellent example to the younger generations, for he was a leader in his locality in all matters that pertained to its upbuilding, and in a conservative manner doing what good he could in all lines as he labored for his own advancement and that of his family. His memory is well worthy to be cherished by his descendants and friends.

James Lance, son of Christopher Lance and wife, was born in the state of New Jersey, January 28, 1794, and his father, who was a native of Germany, brought him to Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1795, the family locating near Steubenville. He and his brother Henry came to Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio, and he entered three quarter sections of land, giving his brothers, Henry and William, their choice, the former locating on the north and west and William on the east, leaving James the best farm, and he had more property when he died than both his brothers, he having been a very successful farmer. His farm was well located, the public road running north and south and east and west through his place. It was good land and he developed it into one of the best farms of the community. He built a substantial residence that is in use at the present time, on the east and west road, about eighty rods east of the cross roads, near a stream of never-failing water, there being several good springs on the farm. There was a school house at the cross-roads, called the Lancetown school, deriving its name from the village, Lancetown, which was quite a town for that early day in the wilderness, there being two grocery stores, a wagon shop, two blacksmith shops, tailor shop, and a log church; now everything is gone but the two dwellings, the blacksmith shop having been converted into a cheese factory. James Lance had five brothers and five sisters.

James Lance was married to Fannie Holmes, September 5, 1815, a lady of Scotch descent, her birth having occurred on July 3, 1798. Four children were born to this union, two boys and two girls, namely: Christopher, born 1817, died in 1880; John H., born in Milton township, Wayne county, Ohio, in 1820, died in Homer in 1883; Sarah, born in Milton township in 1822, died in 1886; Elizabeth, born in Milton township May 19,

1824, died January 31, 1896. The mother of these children died August 5, 1827. James Lance was married a second time, his last wife being Mary Johnson, of Jefferson county, Ohio, her birth having occurred October 10, 1810, and this union resulted in the birth of thirteen children, ten boys and three girls, as follows: Sophronia, born February 15, 1829, died October 2, 1903, in Akron, Ohio; Abraham, born August 12, 1830, died November 17, 1887; William E., born May 12, 1832, died February 24, 1909, in Lima, Ohio; Rosilla, born October 2, 1834, died January 14, 1906; Mary, born December 13, 1836, died December 21, 1904, in South Haven, Michigan; James S., born September 30, 1838, lives in Ithaca, Michigan; Henry, born November 8, 1840, lives in Bloxburg, California, whither he went in 1863 and he has never been back home; Washington, born September 9, 1842, died December 23, 1844; Madison, born October 9, 1844, lives at Rittman, Wayne county; Andrew Jackson, born October 29, 1846, lives in Creston, Wayne county; Oliver Perry, born September 18, 1848, died in Creston, Wayne county, July 9, 1898; Peter J., born November 25, 1850, lives in Ashland, Ohio; Riley J., born January 19, 1853, died April 9, 1869, on the old farm.

The death of James Lance occurred May 19, 1866, and his wife died on May 17, 1875. He was a man loved and respected by all who knew him for his life was exemplary in every respect.

IRA F. MEESE.

Although yet a young man, Ira F. Meese, of Chippewa township, has been unusually successful in agricultural affairs, owing to his close application to his business and his everyday common sense rightly exercised. He enjoys the privilege of living on the place where he was born on July 12, 1875. He is the son of Christopher and Mary (Lichtenwalter) Meese, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter born in Summit county, Ohio, November 13, 1853. The paternal grandparents of Ira F. Meese were also natives of Pennsylvania and they came to Stark county, Ohio, in a very early day and there lived and died. The subject's maternal grandparents, William and Elizabeth Lichtenwalter, were also natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers of Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio; they later moved to Smithville, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Both Christopher Meese and Mary Lichtenwalter came to

Wayne county with their parents, and here they grew to maturity, met and married. Mr. Meese devoted his life to farming and operating a threshing machine, also a saw-mill, making a success of all, but in 1872 or 1873 he bought a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres in Chippewa township, which he improved by erecting good buildings on it and otherwise bringing it up to the standard of modern farms. His death occurred in 1883; his widow is still living, making her home at Akron, Ohio. To them four children were born, namely: Lizzie, deceased; Ira, Emma, Frank.

Christopher Meese devoted his attention to farming for the most part, though while farming, he still operated his thresher. In about 1881 he drilled on his place and discovered a vein of coal which was worked for about twelve years successfully.

Ira F. Meese was educated in the high school at Akron, Ohio, graduating in the class of 1895; later he attended business college there. After finishing school, before settling down to farming, which he had decided to make his life work, he took a nine months' trip through the West to the coast, but not being able to see the opportunities there that existed at home he returned to Ohio and bought out the heirs in the home place, now owning the farm of one hundred and forty-five acres. In 1904 he erected a fine new home, that is attractive and cozy as well, equipped with bath and all modern conveniences, being, in fact, one of the finest homes in this part of the county and a place where the many friends of the family delight to gather. Besides carrying on general farming in a way that insures a good annual income, Mr. Meese is widely known as a breeder of Percheron horses and Jersey cattle, also Berkshire hogs, finding a ready market for all he desires to dispose of, owing to the exceptional high quality of all he raises. He is regarded as one of the best judges of livestock in the county, especially horses.

Mr. Meese was married on March 5, 1902, to Grace Yost, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, the daughter of Ezra and Alice (Mottinger) Yost; the former was born near Wooster, and the latter at Greensburg, this state. Her father is still living in Summit county. Mrs. Meese's maternal grandparents were Joseph and Sarah (Humbert) Mottinger. Her grandparents, William and Margaret (Brenizer) Yost, were old settlers in their community. William Yost was a soldier in Company G, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving until the fall of Vicksburg. Mrs. Meese was graduated from the Canal Fulton high school in the class of 1905.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira F. Meese, Margaret, born April 8, 1904, and Pauline, born March 9, 1906.

Politically Mr. Meese is a Republican, but not a politician, taking little part in the affairs of his party, preferring to devote his attention to his farm and stock raising. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church. Fraternally he is a member of Akron Lodge No. 83, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Chippewa Farmers' Club, which has a membership of eighty, its object being to improve farming conditions and keep abreast of the modern methods of agriculture. It has been organized about four years, Mr. Meese being the financial secretary of the same. During the winter months they hold regular sessions and during the summer often have speakings and picnics. The organization is both a pleasant and profitable one and much good has resulted from it. The members often buy and sell together. Mr. Meese is a moving spirit in the organization,—in fact, one of the influential men in all circles in his township.

WILLIAM F. HOEGNER.

Conspicuously identified with the agricultural interests of Congress township, Wayne county, Ohio, is the subject of this sketch, and he has won for himself an honorable position in the community and is a distinctive type of the successful self-made man. Not a pretentious or exalted life has been his, but one that has been true to itself and to which the biographer may revert with feelings of respect and satisfaction. Formerly an educator of ability, later identified in a prominent way with agriculture, and having attained prestige by successive steps from a modest beginning, it is eminently fitting that a sketch of his life, together with an enumeration of his leading characteristics, be given in this connection, as he is recognized as a man of strong and alert mentality, deeply interested in everything pertaining to the advancement of the community, and today he is recognized as one of the progressive and representative men of the county.

William F. Hoegner first saw the light of day on the farm in Congress township on which he now lives, the date of his birth having been the 28th of October, 1849. He is descended from German antecedents, his paternal grandfather, John Hoegner, having been a native of the Fatherland. There he married Catharine Keller and in 1816 they came to the United States and located in Berks county, Pennsylvania. They remained there until 1838,

when they came to Wayne county, Ohio, and bought the farm now owned by the subject of this sketch, where he died. The maternal grandparents, George and ——— (Siler) Emerich, were natives of Pennsylvania. In 1832 they came to Ohio, buying a farm in Congress township, Wayne county, where they spent the remainder of their days. Of these two families, a son of the former, Frederick Hoegner, and a daughter of the latter, Sarah Emerich, married, and of their children the subject of this sketch was one, there having been four children, altogether. These parents were active members of the Lutheran church and took an active part in all moral, religious or educational movements. In politics Frederick Hoegner was an ardent Republican and was active in behalf of his party. His death occurred March 10, 1892, while his wife survived him fifteen years, her death occurring March 5, 1907.

William F. Hoegner was reared at home and secured his education in the common schools and at Lodi Academy. During the following seven years he was engaged in teaching school, and immediately after the presidential election of 1872 he went to Washington, Iowa, and accepted a position as teacher in McKee's Academy. In the following spring he returned to Lodi to complete his education and taught school a couple of terms in Wayne and Medina counties. In 1874 Mr. Hoegner relinquished the pedagogical profession and returned to the home farm, where he has since remained and devoted his attention to the cultivation of the soil, excepting eleven years that he lived in Butler county, Ohio, near Hamilton, returning to the home farm in March, 1892, where he has since resided. While at Lodi, Mr. Hoegner learned civil engineering and he is frequently employed to do surveying in the neighborhood, being thoroughly capable and reliable in this line. His attention is mainly devoted, however, to the cultivation of his farm, which, under his wise management and energetic efforts, has been made to bring the owner gratifying returns. In connection with his agricultural operations, Mr. Hoegner gives considerable attention to the breeding and raising of pure-bred Jersey cattle, in which also he has been successful.

On the 21st of October, 1875, Mr. Hoegner married Mary L. Corwin, who was born at Wadsworth, Medina county, Ohio, November 28, 1851, a daughter of John L. and Lucydia (Tanner) Corwin. John Corwin was an edge-tool manufacturer and was killed in his factory by the bursting of a grindstone. His wife also is dead. To the subject and his wife two children have been born, namely: May Eugenia, a graduate of the Burbank high school and the music department of Wooster University; Pearl Isaphine is a teacher of music.

Mr. Hoegner has taken an intelligent interest in public affairs and in matters political he has given his support to the Republican party. He and his wife are active and consistent members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Hoegner is a plain and unassuming man, well endowed with good sense, and his genial manner as well as his sterling qualities of character have won for himself a warm place in the hearts of his fellow citizens.

HUGH McCONAHAY.

One of the highly respected and successful farmers of Wayne county, Ohio, is Hugh McConahay, who is now enjoying an old age in a manner befitting a man who has been industrious and honorable for so long a time. He has been a hard worker and a good manager and has been amply rewarded not only by material success, but by winning the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

In tracing the history of the McConahay family we find that John McConahay left his home in Belfast, Ireland, and came to America in 1811. After a year or two here he went back to his native land on a visit, but in 1814 returned to this country and located in Wayne county, Ohio. He purchased heavily timbered, unimproved government land, and in developing the same he experienced all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, he being one of the first settlers in Chester township. He was successful in all his operations and was one of the influential men of that township for many years. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church in Ireland, later joined the Presbyterians and was a faithful member until his death, in 1871, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

John McConahay was married to Maria George, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Armstrong) George, of Clarkson, Virginia. Thomas George lost his life while returning from service at the front in the war of 1812. His wife then returned to her old home in Columbiana county, Ohio, and later moved to Canaan township, Wayne county, this state. Mrs. John McConahay died in 1875, four years after the death of her husband. To their union were born ten children; a granddaughter was also reared in their home. They were, Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Reed; Nancy, deceased wife of William Lehr; Hannah Maria, deceased wife of Philip Miller; Samuel went to California in 1852 when the "gold fever" was rife, and returned in 1869, dying at home in 1871; Thomas went to Nebraska in

1856, died there in 1858; John enlisted as a soldier in the Union army, in February, 1864, in Company D, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was later consolidated with the One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, also with the Forty-Eighth Regiment, serving until the close of the war, and he afterwards, in 1868, located in Dakota county, Nebraska, dying there in 1908; James, who occupied the old homestead, died in June, 1909; Sarah, wife of Philip Miller, and Mary Ellen, wife of Harrison Armstrong, both reside in Wayne county, Ohio.

Hugh McConahay, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1836, the sixth child of John and Maria McConahay. He grew to maturity on the home farm and assisted with the general work about the place when only a boy; he attended the neighboring schools during the winter months, and then turned his attention to farming as a life work which he has continued to follow with gratifying results.

During the Civil war Mr. McConahay proved his patriotism by enlisting in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and proved to be a faithful soldier. He is a member of Given Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. McConahay was married on January 1, 1862, to Samantha Gerhart, daughter of William and Mary Gerhart, of Wayne county, Ohio. Her death occurred in 1889. Later Mr. McConahay married Mary Jane McFerson, of Columbiana county, Ohio.

The McConahay family is one of the substantial and highly respected families of Wayne county and deserve a high rank in the history of its citizenship.

HENRY P. SIGLER.

Action is the keynote of the character of Henry P. Sigler, one of Rittman's progressive citizens, for he has shown what a determined struggle for a definite purpose can accomplish, his life having been replete with success in whatever he has undertaken because he has been a hard worker and a good planner. He was born on the old Sigler homestead, near Rittman, Wayne county, March 26, 1866, the son of Henry and Clara Jane Sigler, the former also born on the old Sigler homestead and the latter on Chestnut Ridge hill, in the northeastern part of Milton township. Henry P. Sigler's paternal grandfather was Henry Sigler, who came to this county from Pennsylvania in a very early day, locating near Rittman on a farm in the

primeval forest. He was a worker and soon had a good farm,—in fact, he became the owner of seven hundred acres of land, most of which he entered from the government and cleared and cultivated. It is interesting to note the fact that he was a great hunter and he was on a hunt in Wayne county when he was attracted by the locality and fine soil here, consequently he returned and made this his home until his death. He was a typical pioneer, rugged, brave and honest, and he became influential in the affairs of this county.

The maternal grandparents of Henry P. Sigler, Henry and Clara Jane Lance, were also natives of Pennsylvania. They also came to Wayne county, Ohio, in an early day and began life in the woods, but became the owners of a good home and a fine farm.

Henry Sigler, father of Henry P. Sigler, was born in Milton township, Wayne county, March 23, 1830. He grew to manhood here and attended the common schools. His wife was born in 1829 in Milton township, and their wedding occurred in this township. Henry Sigler became a well-to-do farmer and was influential in county affairs. He had two brothers, Levi and Samuel. He was a very active member of the Baptist church. In fact, this family has long been active in church affairs; the paternal grandfather of Henry P. Sigler was a minister in the Reformed Lutheran church and he had the honor of founding that church in Wayne county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sigler nine children were born, one dying in infancy, seven now living. They are, John O., Mary I., William D., Marion R. (deceased), Charles E., Henry P. (of this review), Clara, Elsie, Isa Ann. Mrs. Henry Sigler, mother of the subject, passed to her rest in 1908.

Henry P. Sigler was reared on the home farm and educated at Rittman; he devoted his early life to agricultural pursuits, remaining on the home place until 1899. He then went to Rittman and engaged in the grain business until 1902, since which time he has been engaged in buying and selling hay, building up an extensive business in this line. He still owns the home farm of eighty acres, which yields a good annual income.

Mr. Sigler was married in October, 1894, to Addie E. Schneider, a member of an old and highly respected family, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Ruth, Esther, Lloyd, Etta, Ralph, Glen.

Mr. Sigler is a member of the Baptist church, and in politics he is a Democrat. He has taken considerable interest in local political matters, and has ably served as trustee of Milton township, also as supervisor of the same.

T. C. HUNSICKER.

Clearly defined purpose and consecutive effort in the affairs of life will inevitably result in the termination of a due measure of success, but in following out the career of one who has attained success by his own efforts there comes into view the intrinsic individuality which has made such accomplishment possible, and thus there is granted an objective incentive and inspiration, while at the same time there is enkindled a feeling of respect and admiration, as in the case of T. C. Hunsicker, the well known cashier of the First National Bank of Dalton, Ohio, who was born near Williamsport, Pickaway county, this state, November 24, 1877, the son of Cyrus Hunsicker, a highly respected and influential citizen of that vicinity.

T. C. Hunsicker was born and reared on a farm and at the age of seven years his parents moved into Williamsport and it was there that he received his preliminary schooling, graduating from the high school in 1894. His early inclination was to become a banker and he bent every effort to this end with the result that he today stands very high in banking circles of the Buckeye state. He began his successful career as a financier by securing employment in the Farmers Bank at Williamsport as clerk, and so faithfully did he perform his duties that he was soon promoted to be assistant cashier, in 1895, which position he very creditably held until 1902, in which year he came to Dalton, Ohio, and organized the First National Bank, of which he is one of the heaviest stockholders and the prime mover in making this one of the sound, successful and important banking institutions of this part of the state. It was organized with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars. In 1902 the officers were: H. M. Rudy, president; W. H. H. Wertz, vice-president; T. C. Hunsicker, cashier; C. F. Buckwalter, assistant cashier. The board of directors are W. H. H. Wertz, D. Y. Roebuck, D. F. Schultz, M. F. McDowell, J. H. Tschantz, C. F. Buckwalter and T. C. Hunsicker. There are two vice-presidents: D. Y. Roebuck, first, and D. F. Schultz, second. These men are all well known throughout Sugar Creek township—in fact, the eastern part of Wayne county, and their prestige is such that this bank is well patronized.

Mr. Hunsicker was married in 1902 to Nellie Eycke, a talented and refined lady, the daughter of a fine old family, of Williamsport, Ohio, in which city she was born. This union has been blessed by the birth of two children, Paul, born in February, 1905, and Fred, born in 1907.

Mr. Hunsicker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is also interested in Sunday school work, being a liberal supporter of the former and

a ready worker in the latter. Fraternally he is a member of Williamsport Lodge, No. 501, Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he is a Republican, having taken considerable interest in local affairs for some time. In 1907 he was elected treasurer of Sugar Creek township, and to show that he has an excellent following there, we are advised that the county went Democratic by a majority of one hundred, but he was elected by eleven votes. He is public-spirited, honorable in all his transactions and a pleasant man to meet.

HENRY WAGNER.

A well known and highly respected citizen of Wayne county who has shown by his long life of earnest endeavor to advance his own interests and that of his family, at the same time not neglecting for a moment his duty to his fellow citizens, that he is the possessor of most commendable attributes is Henry Wagner, who was born in Baughman township, this county, August 20, 1835, the son of Frederick Wagner. They came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, as early as about 1829, settling in Baughman township, buying one hundred and sixty acres, which they cleared, improved and lived on the remainder of their days, having been sterling pioneers, hard-working, honest, neighborly. Their son, Henry, of this review, was educated in district school No. 4, Baughman township. He received a fairly good education for those early days, and when but a boy began learning the carpenter's trade, which he worked at between the ages of sixteen and twenty-two. He then turned his attention to farming and purchased the eighty acres where he now lives. He prospered from the first and later bought eighty acres adjoining his original farm, on the south. He has erected a modern and beautifully located dwelling and a substantial barn on the place—in fact, numerous buildings on each of the eighties, and he has been very well repaid for his labor and attention to his farming interests. He has been a breeder of Chester White, Berkshire and Mague swine, also Shorthorn cattle, his fine stock always being eagerly sought for and attracting much attention.

Mr. Wagner was married on January 19, 1860, to Mary Jane Frase, whose parents were natives of Wayne county, Ohio, having been among the very earliest settlers here and people of high respectability. To Mr. and Mrs. Wagner the following children have been born: Jennetta, now Mrs. M. H. Rittinger, of Akron, Ohio; Alfreda, deceased; Letta May, who died in infancy; Cora, who died in infancy; J. D., who was married to Emma Habel;

Curtis, Orrin; Clyde H., who was married to Grace Gorman, lives in Doylestown.

Mr. Wagner has never aspired to position of public trust, preferring to devote his time to his individual affairs. He is known to be a man of highest integrity and he numbers his friends by the scores throughout the county.

ADAM HACKENBERG.

From sterling pioneer ancestors comes Adam Hackenberg, a thrifty farmer in Chippewa township, Wayne county, having been born on the farm he now owns, on August 14, 1844, the son of Lazarus and Susan (Wallenberg) Hackenberg. His paternal grandparents, Michael and Elizabeth Hackenberg, were natives of Pennsylvania who came to Ohio in a very early day and located in Wayne county, where they entered land from the government and cleared it up, making a home in the midst of the forest, and here they both lived and died. The maternal grandparents of our subject were natives of Pennsylvania and they also came to Ohio in a very early day, and here lived until their deaths, many years ago. Michael Hackenberg, father of Adam, was born in the state of Pennsylvania about 1802, and he came to Wayne county, Ohio, with his parents when a boy. His mother was also born in Pennsylvania, about 1803 or 1804, and she, too, came to Ohio when young and here met and married Mr. Hackenberg. The latter was a carpenter by trade and he followed that for many years in his immediate vicinity, later giving his entire attention to farming, owning one hundred and sixty acres of land at the time of his death. While he lived a comparatively quiet life, he was very prominent in the affairs of the Mennonite church. He and his wife were the parents of three sons and three daughters, who grew to maturity, besides three children who died in infancy. Out of the number only three are now living, two daughters and Adam, of this review.

Adam Hackenberg was educated in the common schools of his native community, in district No. 1, and he was reared on the farm, beginning work on the same when very young, and about 1888 he purchased seventy-seven and three-fourths acres of the old homestead, now owning only sixty acres, having sold some of the land to his son. He has carried on diversified farming and always made a comfortable living. He was married to Adeline Adams, a native of Wayne county, and the daughter of John Adams, who was an old settler here. This union has resulted in the birth of thirteen chil-

dren, namely: Alice, William, John, Mary, Arthur, Clara, Samuel, George (killed in a coal mine), Mattie, Bertha, Della May (died in infancy), Frederick Nelson (died in infancy), Grover (died in infancy).

The mother of these children died on January 10, 1899, and Mr. Hackenberg never re-married. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Chippewa Township Farmers' Club, also belongs to the Lutheran church, of which his wife was also a member.

ORRIN WAGNER.

The qualities which have made Orrin Wagner one of the successful and prominent young men of Wayne county have also won for him the esteem of his fellow citizens, for his career has been one of well-directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods, keeping untarnished the excellent reputation of his ancestors, who have figured in the development of this locality in many ways since the pioneer period.

Orrin Wagner was born on his father's farm in Chippewa township, near Marshallville, Wayne county, and he received his primary education in school No. 7, Chippewa township, later attending the high school at Marshallville, and then the University at Wooster, where he made a splendid record for scholarship and well qualified himself for the laudable calling he has elected to follow, having become one of the best known and most successful educators in the county. His services have always been in great demand, for he has the happy faculty of pleasing both pupil and patron. He began teaching in 1895 and for six years taught school and attended school during vacations. For the past eight years he has taught and farmed, his agricultural pursuits being conducted on his father's north eighty, and no small part of his income is derived from this source. The schools he has taught are as follows: One term in No. 7, Chippewa township; five terms in No. 5, Chippewa township, but not consecutively; two terms in No. 10, Baughman township, and two terms in No. 6, Chippewa township. He returned to No. 10, Baughman township, in the fall of 1909.

Mr. Wagner was married on September 5, 1901, to Dela Mabel Zimmerman, daughter of Franklin and Mary Zimmerman, natives of Stark county, Ohio. Mrs. Zimmerman's family, however, originally came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. To Orrin Wagner and wife three children have been born, namely: Wendel Henry, Franklin (deceased) and Giles Howard.

Mr. Wagner is a member of St. Michael's Lutheran church, and he takes an abiding interest in whatever tends to promote the welfare of his county, whether educational, religious, political or material.

WILLIAM W. SHANK.

Agriculture has been the true source of man's dominion on earth ever since the primal existence of labor, and has been the pivotal industry that has controlled for the most part all the fields of action to which his intelligence and energy have been devoted. Among this sturdy element in Wayne county, Ohio, whose labors have profited alike themselves and the community in which they live, is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this brief biographical review.

William Wallace Shank was born on the old Shank homestead, where his brother, C. M. Shank, now resides, one of the well known old and valuable farms of Chippewa township. The date of William W. Shank's birth was August 24, 1886. He is the son of George and Esther A. (Adams) Shank, each representatives of fine old pioneer families and highly respected citizens of this township. For a full account of the ancestors of the Shank family, the reader is directed to the sketch of C. M. Shank, appearing on another page of this work.

William W. Shank received a fairly good education in the common schools of his native community, having applied himself to his text-books as best he could when not assisting with the work on the home farm. Thus being trained to farm work it is not strange that he should select agriculture as his life work. He has always farmed on one of the home farms, now residing on the second farm bought by his father, a little northeast of the old homestead. He carries on general farming in a manner that shows him to be fully abreast of the times in every respect, carefully rotating his crops and keeping the soil in excellent condition. His place is well improved and he has a very comfortable house and outbuildings; also keeps some good stock and poultry.

Mr. Shank was married in 1890 to Mary Baughman, daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Kepler) Baughman, who were early settlers in Summit county, Ohio, having moved to this state from Pennsylvania. They took up government land here and cleared the same, making a good home, although requiring years of hard work, but, like all pioneers of these times, they thought little of toil and inconveniences.

To Mr. and Mrs. William W. Shank three children have been born: Ethel M., Ruby M., Harold W. They are all living at home.

Mr. Shank and family are members of the Reformed Lutheran church and very regular in their attendance of the same. Mr. Shank is a Democrat in politics, but he has never aspired for public office, preferring to devote his time to his individual affairs.

FREDERICK STAIR.

Among the honored and well known citizens of Plain township, Wayne county, of this generation who are now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, the name of Frederick Stair is deserving of preservation, for his long life here has been fraught with much good not only to himself and family but also to his neighbors and to the community at large.

Mr. Stair was born in Plain township, Wayne county, Ohio, March 25, 1837, and was the son of John and Elizabeth (Cugla) Stair, who came from Germany in 1833, and in August of that year settled in Plain township and lived there until the death of the father, on his farm of sixty acres, some of which he cleared. Before leaving Germany he was a soldier in the regular army of that country for a period of eight years. He voted at the first election held after his arrival here. His family consisted of thirteen children.

Frederick Stair was reared on the home place and lived there until he was twenty-six years of age, then he married Sarah Ann Strauss, daughter of Peter and Julia (Renner) Strauss, who were born in Pennsylvania, having come from Crawford county, that state, to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1850.

In 1868 Frederick Stair bought seventy-two acres of land where he now resides in Plain township. Since purchasing the same he has added eight acres of woods to his place, and he has followed general farming very successfully and has a comfortable home. He is a strong Prohibitionist,—in fact, he was the first man in this township to advocate its principles. He is a member of the Reformed church and very faithful in his attendance and support of the same.

The family of Frederick Stair consists of the following children: William Henry, of Orrville, this county; Irvin O., mentioned on another page; Laura Ada, Ossie Mary and Alice.

IRVIN O. STAIR.

Only a cursory glance at the well improved and carefully tilled and well kept farm of Irvin O. Stair, of Plain township, Wayne county, is necessary to prove to the observer that he has been not only a hard working man but has exercised good judgment and splendid taste.

Mr. Stair was born in this township on December 20, 1865, and it has been his privilege and pleasure to spend his life in his home community. He is the son of Frederick Stair and wife, a highly respected family, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Irvin O. Stair was educated in Plain township in the common schools which he attended during the winter months, and when he was old enough he was placed in the fields during the crop season, and he has always followed farming. He is now the owner of a good farm of ninety-three acres, on which he carries on general farming, and he is very comfortably situated.

Mr. Stair was married on December 22, 1887, to Eva Rebecca Bechtel, daughter of T. O. Bechtel and wife, residents of Plain township, who are mentioned at proper length in another part of this volume. After a happy married life of twelve years, Mrs. Stair was called to her reward on April 25, 1909. She had borne her husband two children, one of whom, Ethel May, died on March 30, 1908. The other, Glenn O., was married to Edna May Swartz on June 20, 1909.

Mr. Stair is a Democrat in politics, but he has never taken a notable part in party affairs, though he always stands ready to defend its principles. He and his family are members of the Reformed church at Reedsburg and faithful in their support of the same.

GEORGE W. REHM.

One of the successful farmers of Baughman township, Wayne county, is George W. Rehm, a man who has won success in his chosen line of endeavor because he has worked for it along legitimate channels and has never depended upon anyone else to do his planning, and certainly not to do his work.

Mr. Rehm is the son of George and Mary (Sickman) Rehm, the father having been born in Pennsylvania, from which state he came to Wayne county, Ohio, when a boy. His son, George W., of this review, is the fourth

child of the family now living. He was reared on the farm where he now lives and was one year old when his father moved here. He was placed in the fields when old enough and assisted with the general farm work, attending the common schools in his district in the meantime, and received a fairly good education.

Mr. Rehm was married on March 29, 1899, to Abigail Fry, daughter of John Fry, of this township, a highly respected family. She was reared and educated in Baughman township. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Hazel, born January 19, 1900; Grace, born August 1, 1901; Glenn, born November 14, 1904.

Mr. Rehm is the fortunate possessor of the old Rehm homestead, one of the desirable landed estates in his community, consisting of eighty-one and one-fourth acres, located in sections 21 and 22, Baughman township, where he now resides. He is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, and he has kept his place well improved. He stays on his farm and devotes his exclusive attention to it.

Politically Mr. Rhem is a Democrat, and is a member of the Lutheran church, being a deacon in the local congregation, always taking much interest in church affairs.

JOHN S. STEINER.

John S. Steiner, having always been a man of industry and integrity, is eminently deserving of the success he has attained in material things, and he is today one of the progressive farmers of Baughman township, Wayne county. He was born in Greene township, this county, January 19, 1861, and is the son of Daniel and Magdalena (Basinger) Steiner. The father was born in Germany, and at the age of five years he came with his parents, Daniel Steiner and wife, to America and settled in Greene township, Wayne county, Ohio, and here entered land from the government. Thus the grandfather of the subject started life in the woods here, cleared his place and lived here the rest of his life. His son, Daniel, father of John S., was reared on the old farm which he assisted to clear and here he is still living at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He has been a man of industry and is highly respected for his honorable career. His family consisted of nine children, namely: Fannie, wife of D. C. Amstutz; P. R.; Elias, deceased; David and John; Mary, wife of Philip Hilty; Barbara, deceased; Daniel and Noah; Sarah, wife of John Zimmerlee.

John S. Steiner, of this review, was reared on the home farm in Greene township, where he worked in the summer and attended school in the winter, and although he often had to remain at home and cut wood, he received a fairly good education. After he was twenty-one years of age he was employed by the year to work for his father, continuing thus for four years.

Mr. Steiner was married to Mary Welty, who was born in Putnam county, Ohio. He then bought eighty-four acres in section 8, Baughman township, going in debt for part of it, but he has paid it all out and has finished improving it and now has a good farm and a very comfortable home. He is a general farmer and raises some good stock of various kinds.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Steiner, namely: Alma, born February 23, 1888, graduated from the Orrville high school; Elam, born April 9, 1889; Etta, born October 28, 1890; Clela, born March 2, 1892; Verna, born September 1, 1894; Glenn, born September 10, 1900; Lulu, born October 3, 1905. The mother of these children, a good and faithful wife and mother, passed to her rest on March 25, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Steiner are members of the Reformed church at Orrville. Politically he is a Democrat, but he is not especially active, and has held no office except that of school director. He is straightforward in his methods and is a highly respected citizen.

GEORGE M. YOUNG.

The name of George M. Young has long been linked with progress in all its phases in Wayne county, for he is essentially a man of affairs in all that the term implies and is deserving of the success he has achieved.

Mr. Young was born in Chester township, this county, September 20, 1853, the son of Isaac and Alvina (McVicker) Young. His paternal grandparents were Isaac and Mary (Gosshorn) Young, natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, in which county they were married in 1803. In 1833 they and their family moved to Ohio and settled at Canal Fulton, where they remained one year, and while there the grandfather and two daughters died. Then the grandmother and the rest of the family moved to Chester township, Wayne county, and the family has lived here ever since. The maternal grandparents of the subject were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and they also came to Chester township, Wayne county, Ohio, about the time that the Young family moved here and here they spent the rest of their lives. Isaac Young was born in 1816, and his wife in 1818, both in the same county, and they each came to Wayne county, Ohio, as children with their parents, from Pennsylvania. They were reared as near neighbors

in Chester township, and on July 13, 1837, were married. Mr. Young learned the cooper's trade, which he worked at twelve years, then took up farming and at his death owned a good farm; he lived to an advanced age. He took a prominent part in the affairs of the Methodist church. He was one of twelve children, namely: Sarah, born in 1803; Anna, born in 1805; Susan, born in 1806; Agnes, born in 1810; Catherine, born in 1808; Mary, born in 1812; Elizabeth, born in 1814; Isaac, born in 1816; Jeremiah, born in 1818; Louisa, born in 1824; Rhoda, born in 1826; Lavina, born in 1828, and she is the only one living in 1910. The father of the subject died on April 6, 1878. He was, like his father, a good and useful man, lived a quiet and retired life and was highly respected.

George M. Young, of this review, was educated in the common schools of Chester township and was reared on the farm, and he took up farming for a livelihood. He bought out the heirs and now owns the old home place of eighty-four acres, and he has one hundred and sixteen acres elsewhere. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, and has a well kept and well improved place.

Mr. Young was married on May 27, 1879, to Minerva Billhimer, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Abraham and Lucinda Billhimer, who came to Wayne county in about 1865 or 1866. Both are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Young seven children have been born, namely: Oliver Clinton, who married Mae Warner; Minnie is the wife of Foster Warner; Carrie is the wife of Garfield Warner; Charles Edward married Fay Warner. (The Warner girls are twins; these are all children of Henry Warner.) Sylvia Young was next in order of birth, then Guy and Raymond.

In politics Mr. Young is a Democrat and he has been township trustee for seven years, and for the past sixteen years has been a member of the local school board. In 1909 he was a candidate for county commissioner, and his candidacy was looked upon with much favor by all concerned from the first, owing to his general popularity and his fidelity to public trusts. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES E. FOLSOM.

Charles E. Folsom, well known and popular traveling salesman, who maintains his home at Wooster, Wayne county, is a man of tact, ingenuity and foresight, and it is safe to say that he would make a success at whatever he turned his attention.

Mr. Folsom comes of a highly honored and influential family, and he was born at Braceville, Trumbull county, Ohio, March 6, 1868. His father was James Byron Folsom, a native of Hampden, Geauga county, Ohio, and he was a traveling salesman all his life, being very successful in this line and becoming well known. His death occurred in May, 1889, at Auburn, Ohio, at the age of forty-seven years. He was a man highly respected by those who came into contact with him.

The Folsom family is of Yankee origin, the great-grandfather of the subject having been a resident of the state of Connecticut, and there his son, James K., grandfather of Charles E., of this review, was born, and from there he came to Hampden, Ohio, in an early day and there engaged in the hotel business.

James B. Folsom married Cordelia Miller, a native of Braceville, Trumbull county, Ohio, and her death occurred when the son, Charles S., was two and one-half years of age, on June 20, 1871. She had one other child, Eugene M., now deceased. Thus the only member of the Folsom family left is the subject.

Charles E. Folsom remained at the place of his birth—Braceville, Ohio—until he was sixteen years of age, and there he attended school, and while yet in his boyhood he began clerking in a country store near Farmington, Ohio. Later he attended the Mt. Vernon Commercial College, graduating from that institution when eighteen years of age, in 1885. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, and found employment with Strong, Cobb & Company, wholesale druggists, and he has remained in the employ of this firm to the present day, having given them the utmost satisfaction in every particular and been regarded by them from the first as one of their most faithful and trusted employes. He started in as porter, and later was given work in the office, where he soon distinguished himself, and eventually he was sent out on the road, and he has been their traveling representative for the past sixteen years.

Mr. Folsom left Cleveland and located in Wooster on January 29, 1904, and he has remained here ever since, maintaining a cozy home on Beall avenue.

Mr. Folsom was married on January 9, 1889, to Lucy B. Harris, of Cleveland; she was born in Buffalo and is a lady of winning characteristics. This union has resulted in the birth of four children, namely: George B., born October 27, 1889, died when eight weeks old; Marguerite C., born

July 25, 1893; Helen Phylis, born July 4, 1895; Kenneth Miller, born March 3, 1899.

Mr. Folsom belongs to the United Commercial Travelers. He is a Democrat politically, but takes no special interest in the affairs of the party.

CYRUS G. CRANE.

Success has been worthily attained by Cyrus G. Crane, one of Wayne county's honored citizens, whose long and very active career has been one of which his descendants may ever be proud. He has done his full share in the development of his community and is a man whom to know is to honor. He was born in Jackson, Wayne county, Ohio, near where he now lives, on January 22, 1837. He is the son of Zenas and Polly (Stiles) Crane. His father was born in New Jersey and his mother in Massachusetts, the former in 1802 and the latter in 1807. The elder Crane came to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1829 and bought a farm of eighty acres in the vicinity of Jackson and in 1837 he built one of the first brick houses in the neighborhood, cleared and improved his farm. He took a prominent part in the Presbyterian church, becoming a ruling elder. He also took an interest in political affairs, but he never aspired to official positions. He was a highly honored man, his character being above reproach. His death occurred in 1884, his widow surviving sixteen years, dying in 1900. Their family consisted of nine children, six of whom are living. At the time of his death he was a very extensive land owner. The subject's paternal grandfather was Zenas Crane, of Caldwell, New Jersey, and his wife was Abbey Grover, daughter of Joseph Grover, who was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Parsippi, New Jersey. The first of the Cranes to come to America were the traditional three brothers from England, some time during the eighteenth century; one settled in Connecticut and the other two in New Jersey. Joseph Grover was a Whig in politics and a preacher during the Revolutionary period, and it is said that he preached with a revolver by his Bible many times. Zenas Crane was the first member of the family to come to Ohio to make his home. He was married in 1831 or 1832. The maternal grandparents, Enoch Stiles and wife, were natives of Massachusetts. They came to Medina county, Ohio, and settled in Westfield township, and they moved from there to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and there lived until their deaths, about the time of the Revolutionary war.

Cyrus G. Crane was educated in the common schools of Wayne county and was reared on the home farm. He took up farming and bought land in Canaan township, and he has sold off all but five acres of the old place. He carries on general farming and stock raising and he has been very successful in this line of endeavor. He was one of the patriotic men who went out to defend the flag in the sixties, having enlisted in August, 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after a faithful service of six months he was discharged for disability, although he had enlisted for three years. He returned home and resumed farming, but he now lives retired. In politics he is a Republican, but he has never sought office. He joined the Presbyterian church in Jackson township in 1860 and has remained a faithful member ever since.

Mr. Crane was married in 1870 to Frances J. Pierson, of Licking county, Ohio, the daughter of Nelson and Jane Pierson, old settlers there. To this union three children have been born, namely: Orville P. is engaged with the electric line; Grace, deceased; Lois E., wife of I. J. Eshelman.

Mr. Crane is now the oldest resident in Jackson. Jason Jones owned the farm before he purchased it. Mr. Jones was a half-brother of the subject's grandmother.

DAVID W. MUSSLEMAN.

In placing the name of David W. Mussleman among the progressive business men of Wooster, Wayne county, simple justice is done a biographical fact. A man of judgment, sound discretion and business ability of a high order, he has, with tactful success, managed important enterprises and has so impressed his individuality upon the community as to gain recognition among the leading citizens and public spirited men of affairs.

Mr. Mussleman was born in Souderton, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1850, the son of David Mussleman, a native of the same place. He was a shoemaker by trade and taught school in his early days. He came to New Pittsburg, Wayne county, in 1853 and lived there until his death in 1893. Grandfather Mussleman was also a native of Pennsylvania and died quite young. He married a Miss Castle.

The mother of the subject was Catharine Wile, who was also a native of Pennsylvania. Her death occurred in 1898, at the age of eighty-two years. She and her husband became the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are living; besides the subject, these are, Mrs. Eliza McEwen, of Perry, Ohio;

Henry W., of New Pittsburg, Ohio; Mrs. Lucy A. Will and I. W., both also of New Pittsburg; Mrs. Lydia Martin, of Cleveland; and Mrs. Rosalind Barnhart, of New Pittsburg.

David W. Mussleman was two and one-half years old when his parents moved to Wayne county, Ohio. He received a common school education here, and he started in life for himself as a cooper, which he followed a few years, then engaged successfully in the grocery business at New Pittsburg for eleven years. During that time he was postmaster of that place, under Cleveland's administration. He also served two terms as township clerk and two terms as township treasurer, performing his duties as a public servant in a very acceptable manner. In 1893 he was elected county clerk on the Democratic ticket and he moved to Wooster that year. He was in the clerk's office from February, 1893, to August, 1899, having been re-elected in 1895. He made a splendid record in this office and won the hearty approval of all concerned. Since then he has been looking after various business interests and he has been very successful at whatever he has turned his attention to. He is president of the Building & Loan Association of Wooster, and its large success and prestige has been due very largely to his judicious management and wise counsel.

Mr. Mussleman was united in marriage on December 15, 1892, to Martha R. Myers, daughter of David Myers, one of the most substantial and best known citizens of Wooster. Mrs. Mussleman is a lady of culture and refinement and, like her husband, has a wide circle of warm personal friends. This union has been graced by the birth of two children, David, now seventeen years of age, and John, now seven years old.

Mr. Mussleman is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has a neat, attractive and pleasant home on East Bowman street, Wooster, where the friends of the family frequently gather, finding here a genuine hospitality and good cheer.

APPENDIX

[The following valuable and interesting matter, concluding Doctor Scovel's historical sketch of the University of Wooster, was received too late for insertion in its proper place, but its character and value forbid its omission from the work.—ED.]

XI. RELATIONS OF UNIVERSITY TO CITY AND COUNTY.

To close this history sketch, it is worth our while to note, first of all:

1. That the university is indebted to Wooster and Wayne county for an almost ideal site. The environment could scarcely be improved. That the university might have profited by being nearer the centre of the state and that it has experienced disadvantage in the past from the lack of better railroad connections may be acknowledged, but these inconveniences are compensated for by its delightful location. The university has a noble background in Wooster and Wayne counties. Elevated and breezy, with extended views and pleasingly diversified surroundings, healthful and suggestive to higher thought and feeling, the situation justifies the many eloquent descriptions it has received and the enthusiastic comments always made by visitors from other scenes. This fact allies the city, the county and the university in a steadfast and increasingly successful effort to make here a "city beautiful."

2. But there was another background into which the university was fortunate in being built—that of character. The mental and spiritual elements could not but be more important than the physical. Such elements, for example, hewed noble Oberlin out of a flat forest and has made "Slab Hall" a centre of historic interest for the world. There was a mingling hereabouts of stems and races—especially of Germans and Scotch-Irish, with a Yankee border to the north and not far away to the south a Southern infusion. These were not extravagant and high-flying people. They were earnest, hardworking and, in the main, a sober people (despite the drinking habits of the day). In the same month, March, 1818, in which Wooster was organized with "president, recorder and five trustees," a committee was appointed to "bring in a bill to prevent horse-racing and shooting;" and the next month to "bring

in a bill for the prevention of immoral practices." The notices of the trustees brought to the reader's attention some of Wooster's worthies, but there were many more as fully deserving grateful mention. There were men all along Wooster's history of special acquirements and high character. The people were generous and hospitable. "Our city has not been of mushroom growth," writes Mrs. General Wiley in her admirable contributions to our early history. "Time was taken for foundation. * * * Her corner-stone was laid and cemented to lofty sentiments, patriotism and love of education." Many "celebrities at one time or another made Wooster their home. * * * There has been no time in the history of our city that our professions have not been filled by men of superior talent. General Beall (1815) was a man prominent as a soldier who had filled important offices for the government. * * * After ten years' service in Congress, he was made secretary of the treasury under President Fillmore. The painter Rhinehart was born but a few miles from here. The Fuller sisters, famed as writers, were recognized and praised by Edgar Allan Poe. All their education was obtained in the early schools of Wooster. * * * By 1816 so many educated men, persons of culture and moral worth had taken up their residence in Wooster, that it was considered the Athens of the West. From General Wooster our citizens should not only have imbibed a love of country but also of learning; he was a scholar as well as a fighter. He was a graduate of Yale and married the daughter of the president of that institution."

Benjamin Douglas describes the early population as "men of intelligence, enlightened judgment, iron nerve and indomitable perseverance. Hopeful and hardy, they met hardships and developed high moral stature when encountering misfortune. With sound faith in God, they learned to labor and to wait. Predominantly from Pennsylvania, they had come also from Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey." It was no light thing for Mr. Douglas to write that "from 1808 to 1878 we had passed from the empire of silence and chaos to a population of forty thousand." Such people could not but welcome the university enterprise and do much in its care and support. Agreeable relations have always existed. There could be no "town and gown" feeling here. The nearest approach to it has been found in the marked accent with which a certain few have been accustomed to speak of "Piety hill." The students have been always welcome in the homes of Wooster and there have been many points of contact in social and in religious life—with, in some cases, resulting permanent relations. Doctor Gordon, of Van Wert, bore this testimony in the valedictory of 1882: "We rejoice to say that Wooster shares toward the students none of that antipathy so common in college localities, but

to us has been ever generous and hospitable. It must be considered that the partnership of the university with the city and county began a long time ago in the preparation of a population at once capable and sympathetic."

3. The inbuilding of the university was prepared for by the life of the local schools. It has always been recognized that the population in and about Wooster was of that class which never could be contented unless the school followed hard upon the church. Our New England contingent shared the conviction which said (even before Harvard was founded) to a Mr. Beecher of that day: "Take us up a school, Brother Beecher, lest learning be buried in the graves of our forefathers." The German contingent had like views and the Scotch-Irish as well. Subscription schools were begun promptly. The new constitution of Ohio gave a great impulse toward realization of the great principle of the Ordinance of 1787. Later when the 1853 law came it was taken up gladly in all this region. The first school teacher in Wooster (Carlos Mather) was a lawyer from New Haven—coming in 1814. A school was commenced in the "Block-House" by "Priest" Jones in 1815. Then came Cyrus Spink (later known as General Spink), an excellent teacher, it is said, and fond of teaching his scholars to read well and fond of such a classic as Paul's speech before Agrippa. In the county there was a school so popular as to be called "The People's College." Debating clubs were frequent. Samuel Whitehead, who succeeded General Spink, was a cultured linguist and began at once to prepare boys for college. The citizens built for him a brick school-house. The Rev. Thomas Hand came from London, England. His was an advanced school for young women and he left a fine impression for literature and history work. Even then Wooster was recognized as having "gone beyond most pioneer settlements." Later came the well-remembered Mrs. Pope (1848). In a long career of high-class teaching and especially in her own school, after 1853, she "left her imprint," writes Mrs. General Wiley, "upon the character of many young women, not only in the community, but many from a distance who came to be her pupils. Her curriculum was well advanced." It was an early habit for leading citizens to make frequent visits to the schools. This previous preparation made itself manifest in the manner in which the coming of the university stimulated the school-system, culminating in the building of the more than ordinarily handsome high school building which was dedicated in the same year in which the university was opened. The writer in the gray morning of a day in August, 1883, on the occasion of a visit to meet the faculty, innocently mistook the high school, at first, for the university building. The two institutions have gone on in the flying years *pari passu* in a friendly parallel. Many teachers and officers and some superintendents of

our local corps have been graduates of the university, and every year a contribution of Wooster's best material goes farther up the hill—literally and metaphorically. With a just perception of mutual interests Wooster is sure to continue its development as an educational centre.

4. The university has always enjoyed the kindest and most efficient co-operation of the local press. There are few names better remembered among us than those who have conducted the various journals, political and literary. One may read the interesting facts of their administrations in Benjamin Douglas' History of Wayne County—who was himself an ornament of our journalism. Some of the community's best talent found in the types various modes of expression. Toward educational interests, secondary and higher, these men were friendly after a positive and co-operative fashion. The university is under infinite obligation to them. They have served to secure the sentiment of solidarity which now reigns. They were always, as they still are, courteous and obliging and considerate. Much of the otherwise unrecorded history of the university's life and growth has been conserved by them through "the art preservative of all arts," and lies enfolded in the strata of the successive volumes of their issues for the future historian. Dedication occasions, inaugurations, obituary testimonials, financial successes they have recorded with "ample space and verge enough," so that to know many things of the interior life of the institution—the things that often contain the motif and the color of the picture, one must have recourse to their hidden treasures.

5. The same general estimate of kindly relationship with the churches of Wooster and Wayne county must be recorded. With the slenderest consideration for denominational lines these churches have given the university the support of their contributions and their patronage. To them may be mostly attributed the fact that of the five hundred fifty-seven students reported in collegiate and preparatory courses for 1909, while four hundred forty-one were all from Ohio, one hundred seventy of these were from Wayne county.

But of course the principal interest in the university from the beginning and continuing as the institution has become a matter of city and county concern, was taken by the First Presbyterian church of Wooster. It is with peculiar pleasure that the writer, after twenty-seven years of fellowship and having been privileged to know a number of those most essential to the early stages of the enterprise, can put here again upon record the abiding sense of obligation which is felt by all in the university circle who know the facts. Without the First church there never would have been a University of Wooster. They prayed for it, sharing the faith and fervor of Pastor Reed who con-

separated the campus by anticipation when he prayed under the shade of its great trees that God would put it into the heart of his servant Ephraim Quinby to offer those identical acres as a site for the Christian college. They planned for it largely. They gave liberally. They set the example which aroused the generosity of others and made it apparent that the great undertaking could be and would be realized. Had not the First church moved, the city would never have moved and the "local habitation" for this modern "ark of the covenant" (concerning which we hope it contains both law and gospel and above which, we believe, invisible but real hangs the "Shechinah" of the God we would glorify) might never have been secured. In all historic events there are many causes and forces uniting from large areas (as a stream is fed by a vast watershed), but there is somewhere a centre about which the forces gather and from which the outburst and efflorescence emerge though they be those of a century-plant. That centre for Ohio was Wooster, for Wooster it was the First church, and for the First church it was Ephraim Quinby, Jr. Ever since the opening and in every crisis of the university's history, this same band of faithful men and women have stood by—watchful and sympathetic. They have given the university, all in all, much more than any other church in the land in material help, not to mention the time and talent given continuously by pastor and people to aid in the management of affairs. They stood by most gallantly when a goodly portion of reliable supporters were organized into the Westminster church (April 28, 1874). Then they deferred erecting a new building and were content with executing only improvements because the university's needs were so pressing. When the reconstructed house was dedicated the second president of the university (Doctor Taylor) pronounced the sermon of the occasion and was successful in securing a subscription of four thousand dollars to remove all indebtedness before the ceremony of dedication was completed. With entire propriety did Pastor McCurdy write in 1876: "The Westminster church and the university are the legitimate children of this congregation. Not a little of the unwritten history of this congregation enters into the existence of the university. If the mother has reason to be proud of this child much more has the child reason to be proud of its mother." The whole course of these forty years goes to prove that the sheet-anchor of the university's trust may well be considered as found in the fundamental faith and warm interest of Christian people, and that help from without will always come when that interest has proved itself by sharp sacrifice.

6. The value of the university to the county was, in one sense, begun when others began to realize the thereto almost unexampled enthusiasm and generosity with which our environment took up the enterprise. The trustees

report in 1869 that the people of Wayne county "have not only redeemed that offer, but have increased their cash subscription until they have made their donation in money more than the whole sum originally required [\$100,000]. * * * Surely it ought to be a strong additional reason for pushing forward the endowment, that the county in which it is located is ready so fully to do its part." Many gifts of that day were made at a personal sacrifice that, we fear, will not be often equalled in our day of larger resources but also of larger expenditures. Some of the larger gifts are not represented by such fortunes among the descendants, so far as I have learned, as could now give equal amounts. For example five thousand dollars from John Longenecker; five thousand dollars from the Messrs. McFadden; five thousand dollars from Mrs. Mary Myers, of Congress. There is something deeply significant here, for full comprehension of which I have not the time or the material. In that same year (1869), the ripening autumn of the enterprise, the synod of Sandusky expressed its gratitude to the "Great Head of the Church," and its appreciation of the "noble and almost unexampled liberality of the citizens of Wayne county." This became known everywhere then, and deserves to be remembered now, especially in view of a possible reliance upon great gifts of the great fortunes outside of our immediate environment. We must not lose the original and constant lesson that these great uplifts come after long years of steady lifting up with our own tense muscles and aching shoulders.

Very soon the city and county began to receive the reward of their generosity. As early as 1878, Doctor Taylor could assure the surrounding population that educated families were being brought here for their childrens' education; that the annual expenditure of money due to the university's presence was already not less than seventy thousand dollars; that this expenditure was "a steady stream reaching the humblest tradesman, and making itself felt in the whole region. Money paid out by the citizens to secure the university has been repaid to them in threefold measure; and, as the years roll on, this will prove to be an investment of the best character, producing a large and constant interest." In 1883 the same competent authority estimates that "the university scatters fully one hundred thousand dollars annually through the town and county."

Who can estimate the value, in many directions, of the coming hither of the Agricultural Experiment Station. If now we miss the possibilities of intensive and scientific farming in this county, it is certainly our own fault. Few remember the unsuccessful effort in 1868 to have a contemplated Agricultural College founded here by the State and connected with the university. It was a foredoomed and happy failure. But when removal of the experi-

ment station from Columbus was found necessary, there is the best reason for believing that the decision of the committee responsible for the location was largely influenced for Wayne county by the presence of the university. It was believed on both sides that helpful relations could be developed between the two institutions. In the construction of the wings in 1891-2, special dispositions were made for organic chemistry with the hope that the university might be useful to a class of students who would be seeking special courses associated with agriculture. There can be no doubt that in the near future both institutions will come to their own, in view of the ever-growing importance of the field (and the fields) in which they may accomplish a common work by mutually complementary adjustments. "Back to the soil" is no vain slogan. Humanity, like the giant Antæus of Greek mythology, cannot be vanquished save as it is separated from the soil. Every interest, economic or moral, demands the development and improvement of moral life, and the university clasps hands with the Experiment Station for that object. The visible success which is sure to come from the united efforts of the two institutions will eventually appear in greatest perfection in their immediate surroundings.

And what an addition to this economical value has reached us in the rapid development of the summer school! When the six hundred give place to the one thousand there is certainly something doing and to be done in taking care of those who are doing it. This needs no elaboration. Where shall we look for a similar midsummer infusion of vigor into trade of all sorts? The total contribution of the university, summer and winter, has just been estimated by the best authority at two hundred fifty thousand dollars, annually, with other tributary interests.

Moreover, we must beware of limiting the beneficent influence of the university to the material aspect. It aids to make the county and the county seat well known by the most diffusive and penetrating kind of advertisement. That noble son of Ohio, Governor Cox, speaking at the corner-stone laying of 1891, pointedly reminded us of this. Even though it has not banished as fully as one might wish some infelicities in the use of the King's English, the university has been telling upon the schools about us. Many sons of Wayne have been attracted to the higher education because the magnet was brought so near to them. Great aid has been given by the successive and evermore artistic and elaborate university buildings to the improvement of Wooster until it is rapidly growing into the "City Beautiful" movement which is a characteristic of our day. No feudal castle reigns on a great hill over a desolate group of huts at the hill's foot, but up a gentle acclivity all who will may go to the

"white city" and its influences go down the declivity as by gravity. Thus without machinery the university has been drawing the city, in its increasing comfort and regularity and beauty, toward its own standard.

More than this has been the presence of thousands, during these years, of young men and women from the choicest homes of our state and country, Ohio's larger cities are not largely represented, but her smaller cities are, as well as her towns and villages and rural communities. The effect cannot but have been good for the youth who have been growing up side by side with those of their own age from Ohio's best homes who possess moreover so great a variety of talent and culture. How few intellectual "hoodlums" have ever been drawn to Wooster and how uncomfortable they soon found themselves to be! How inconsiderable have been the numbers of the positively immoral! The institution has always been a fortress for "law and order" and has known nothing of the German University student's card by which one whom neither wit nor wisdom could keep from overindulgence is entitled to concealment rather than to be reported for discipline either civil or institutional. Do all the inhabitants of our city and county realize what this means? If they do they will surely never vote back again the saloons that lessened, by our own acquiescence, the incomparable value of a sober and steady student-body, nor never, indeed, be contented with any administration permitting lawlessness despite the law. Nor is the presence among us of specialists in various sciences to be forgotten. More and more in the future, as there will be opportunity for "original" work by a number of professors (for which opportunity some are already impatient), the result of close association with those who know what is to be known of Nature and Man and Society and Government and of God, will be esteemed at their true value. It is difficult to remember an instance when any evil influence brought hither by a student or a teacher ever left a single trace upon our community, while the intellectual, esthetic, moral and religious values of the university influences as a whole are too patent and too precious to be denied or disesteemed.

And all this is just now receiving very special illustration in connection with the recent spirit for improvement and extension which has sprung up among us. Ours was always a solid community, but just now it is an awakened community. Educational interests and agricultural are regarded as so well secured, that the population, with more unanimity than has ever been displayed, is hotly pursuing an equal commercial prosperity. Always a city of good homes, it must now become a city of better houses. Always financial sound, it is now ambitious to be prosperous by adding manufactures

to the agriculture. The remarkable thing is the spirit of confidence which is strikingly manifest today, and its evident foundation on the educational and agricultural position already attained. With this spirit the university's rapid development during the past eleven years has had much to do. The unity of interest and certainty of co-operation has come to present expression during the month of September in our local press. The Pennsylvania station agent (Charles H. Wolf) writes: "I have found that a great many first-class people have been drawn to the place solely on account of the institution on the hill, and they are among our very best citizens. They purchase good homes, they live well and add materially to the welfare and prosperity of our city." John M. Criley (banker and Board-of-Trade man and university trustee) writes down the wind the unreasoning assertion that in a college-town factories cannot thrive: "Now if a thing is true a reasonable man can tell why it is true and I would like to have some reasonable man tell what there is in education that makes it the natural and fatal enemy of industrial enterprise. * * * The remarkable industrial development of the United States is due to her exceptional educational opportunities and the superior intelligence of her working men. * * * Cleveland has not found colleges a hindrance, nor has Columbus or Springfield or Chicago or Pittsburg. * * * The idea is absurd. * * * If the college is inimical to the factory is it conceivable that these clear-headed and far-seeing men (captains of industry) would give so bountifully to the upbuilding of institutions that are destined to destroy the very source of their wealth?" Then our talented fellow-citizen (himself a graduate of the university) testifies that not a manufacturer approached by the Board of Trade with a presentation of our city's attractions ever "remotely hinted at an objection to Wooster as a college-town." "In such a matter," he concludes, "I much prefer the opinions of successful manufacturers to the cavilling of those who have never manufactured anything more tangible than an excuse." To all which it may be added that if such an objector will study the continental systems of the technical schools and the peculiarly German arrangement called the "Fortbildungsschule" he would be additionally convinced of his error. The thing to do is to effect such vigorous co-operation that very speedily all could be added to the university which would enable it to enter upon the department specially related to various industries and especially the varieties of engineering. We may close this paragraph by a somewhat novel but entirely convincing suggestion of President Holden. Speaking of promoting Wooster-interests, he asserts that those who planted the university were "Wooster's early boomers" and that they "had increased the value of every inch of Wayne county."

And this is the novel suggestion: "It is the only institution in this community that has salaried men in the field to boom Wooster by offering education which costs it (the university) one hundred and twenty dollars for seventy-eight dollars and fifty cents, losing forty-one dollars and fifty cents on every student who comes here that our city may be built up and that our citizens who are in trade may benefit thereby."

7. It would probably be of interest if opportunity were offered to trace the development of the university along the lines of the natural sciences, the mental, moral and social sciences, literature, art, music, greater politics, religion and religious activities, including world-wide missions, side by side with the progress of the city and county in education, agriculture, manufactures, general business and professional services. There would be found, I think, some subtle correspondences in the forty years of pilgrimage through which both have passed.

It might be of yet greater interest to trace the development of our institution on a background of comparison with the general educational progress of these forty years in our whole country, and, for that matter, in other countries.

But neither of these things is at this writing possible. Suffice it to say that among Ohio's many colleges, Wooster has always been above the standard of admission to, and always a factor in the life of the Ohio College Association; that no denominational college has developed so rapidly and only Oberlin and Delaware have kept pace with Wooster's more recent progress; that the surge forward of the State Universities of the West, and the strides of Cornell in New York, and the strong growth of the venerable Lafayette with that of Washington and Jefferson, plus the surprising blossoming of Grove City College, and the long hoped for and at last wonderful outburst of power in the University of Pittsburg (all in Pennsylvania); to say nothing of the massive institutions on the Atlantic border and those on the Pacific slope and the apparently unlimited resources of Chicago between—make imperatively manifest the high line of aspiration and endeavor to which every soul in Wooster and Wayne county is primarily called (whatever may be expected ultimately from others) in behalf of the central tower of our present strength and the glory of our past.

8. And now—to bring all to a close—a glance toward the future. I hazard no predictions though I see reason to believe in "streams of tendency." It is evident that Wooster is destined to be a great college and, possibly, a real university. Notwithstanding the multiplication of neighboring colleges, the diffused college-policy of Ohio (as already noted) is constantly

proving its wisdom. No real college has ever been slain by this policy, while college-spirit has been developed in many communities and denominations, Ohio will continue to find her account in the many colleges which have wrought so good a work in the past and no one of which need be atrophied or decadent. Ohio will bring "the company to the colors."

The future is in part secured by the full recognition of the demand of present-day education, and the liberal planning of the present management to meet them. The propaganda literature of this year (1910) is full of the most cogent appeals based upon the clearest conception of what is yet to be supplied. Details cannot be given; they change rapidly. Write for them. The progress of the great effort to reach the six-hundred-thousand-dollar mark is encouraging. There remains less than two hundred thousand to be secured. Though the time is short, success is regarded as certain because the whole past now presses the institution forward into future growth with irresistible power. "Unto him that hath, it shall be given."

The demands are regarded as possibilities and as certainties under conditions of such enthusiasm and co-operation of immediate environment, of alumni, of synod and body of the Ohio Presbyterian churches, of neighboring churches across denominational lines (as Presbyterians elsewhere co-operate with their neighboring institutions), plus the gifts of our whole denomination in the United States, and the trustful help of large givers to general educational enterprises. These have all been brought together in recent years and they cannot fail to succeed in the future.

The general continuity of policy on all greater lines points in the same direction. Wooster is a great arrow flying toward one target-center. Its position and intentions admit of no question. It is rather singular that, without a single essential divergence, this direction has been preserved, and the same principles frankly accepted by each successive administration. What the original synods desired the original trustees formulated and adopted. What the trustees set forth the first inaugural fully proclaimed. What the first inaugural announced the second further elaborated—the first president being present with a reassuring benediction. What the second inaugural avowed the third frankly accepted—the second president being present and the same presiding officer of the board of trustees voicing the well-known plans and purposes. What the third inaugural acknowledged the fourth accepted unhesitatingly, both the second and third presidents being present at the transmission of the trust. This hitherto unbroken continuity argues well for the future. An institution so continuously conscious of one reason for being is hard to deflect or defeat.

There are some disadvantages associated with the youth of a college, but there are also distinct advantages. "Atmosphere"—as it is termed—may be lacking, "traditions" may not be so impressive, facilities may not be so perfect, but *per contra*, there may be in the junior institution a happy riddance of hindering traditions—unless a sycophantic and servile imitation consents to import and impose them; there may be a certain efficiency resulting in some cases from the more modern methods; and the ambitious vigor of youth may tell in its development. Especially may this be true when the foundation principles possess the strength of "eternal laws." Things are coming toward religion in the depths, however contrary the surface current may seem now and then. The ideals of the younger college may be the simpler and also the higher. The initial success, if it has been rapid, may set the pace for a continuance of speed. A high percentage of growth in earlier years is a promise of and a stimulus to a high conception of possibility (and of duty) for the years which must follow. The world's educational enthusiasm is at the boiling point and it is rather a favorable thing to be young when enthusiasm is in question. And when no essential modification is needed but only adaptation, the higher flexibility of youth is advantageous—though of course it has a dangerous side.

On the other hand the increasing number and financial and moral strength of the alumni, together with the quick sequence of the fiftieth anniversary presage the power and the occasion for a leap forward within the decade upon which Wooster is now entering. The alumni are perfecting their organization (as before noted) and the semi-centennial will prove (as it has with other colleges) the occasion for united and determined exertion, and that means success.

Meanwhile our whole denominational forces are coming into line on the tremendous import of the secularistic drift in education and the resulting demand for the best possible equipment and management of the institutions of higher learning which share Wooster's consecration as expressed in her motto, "*Christo et literis*." The college board is growing in power and influence. It is kindling a just and intelligent sentiment in behalf of the colleges which may with propriety be called Presbyterian. No matter how overshadowing may be the growth of the state universities stimulated by the tropical luxuriance of lavish appropriations; religious sensitiveness perceives in them only the shade of the Upas tree if they banish true religion from their curricula and from their care of the young. In this view I cannot subscribe to the suggestion that the denominational college must always remain the "small college," giving up large territories to the state universities, and chastening their ambitions to the doing of the "regular college courses" alone.

This they cannot conscientiously do. The reason for their "being" is just as good a reason for their "well-being." It is important to have college teaching accompanied by Christian influences. Can it be a matter of indifference that the higher side of the higher education should be imparted without care as to whether the influence of that controlling section shall ignore or even prove hostile to the spiritual influences which we know are essential to the production and maintenance of that moral and spiritual character without which there can be neither personal salvation nor ultimate persistence of free institutions?

A testimonial of 1901, mentions the fact that a competent eastern authority asserted that the "smaller colleges of the West sent to Princeton for post-graduate study abler men than the larger colleges of the East," and also that a professor of Johns Hopkins "had recently declared that Wooster does as good work as any institution in the northern part of the United States." Then this testimonial proceeds: "This was to be expected. The ecclesiastical control and management, the moral and religious atmosphere, the direct contact with instructors—in fact the many good influences and the minimum of bad, give the denominational colleges strong advantages for producing the best types of manhood and womanhood. These considerations win the confidence of the friends of education and enlist their support for our Christian colleges."

Thus we reach the conclusion of our journey, a much longer one than at first intended. The writer feels, however, that the play will have been worth the candle (and he has burned a good many candles over it—or their equivalents) if it will in the least degree help to conserve the principles "most surely believed among us;" or aid in keeping in memory some of the noblest men and women it has ever been his privilege to know; or to kindle in any of the sons and daughters of this benign mother (who may not hitherto have known these facts) a deeper interest in her welfare than that which depends too much upon incidental and almost accidental accessories of college life; or to vindicate the truth of God's promise that if we "wait upon" Him, we shall "renew our strength and run and not be weary and walk and not be faint."

In the firm faith that the University of Wooster will not only grow up to the *universum* implied in its title, but will carry thither all the profound convictions of its origin, I put aside the pen to await the better hand which will doubtless revise or rewrite this history for the fiftieth anniversary. For the intervening decade and each one beyond I would repeat the devout wish of Whittier's centennial hymn:

"And, cast in some diviner mould,
Let the new cycle shame the old."

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THE ALUMNI ROUND TABLE.

From the *Wooster Quarterly*, for July, 1910, by the Editor, Prof. J. O. Notestein, Ph. D.

Wooster has celebrated her fortieth commencement. It was one of the surprises of Wooster's beginning that there should be a senior class of six to enter the first year. Hence we may reckon as many commencements as years in Wooster's history. For the first commencement we gathered about a temporary platform built under the oaks a dozen rods northeast of the tall brick pile that was then our single college building. Very unlike was it in outer surroundings to this commencement centered in and about Memorial Chapel. Yet the essential life of Wooster was in that prophetic first celebration of a just completed college year. A small faculty sat on the rough plank platform, yet they were all scholars of high attainments and ideals, while several of them were teachers of rare power. The six young men who were graduated that day gave orations thoughtful and strong. Five of that six are still strong workers among men, and have amply fulfilled the promise of that first commencement day. There were no alumni to attend that day, making the campus quick with greetings and happy memories.

As one compares the first with the fortieth and recalls all the intervening story of usefulness and power, one is led to say that Wooster's life has been "like a tree planted by the rivers of water." Our founder-fathers "delighted in the law of the Lord" and their successors have not forsaken their loyalty to it; so doing they kept Wooster in touch with the greatest vital force; in harmony with a deep universal law whereby truth moves on to universal victory. That law will work through the history of Wooster's next forty years. May the one who pens the Round Table notes for Wooster's eightieth commencement be privileged to record its result in a like gladness of growth and fruit.

